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## Dining restricted

Students will face several restrictions if they wish to dine in The Underground next semester

While students are now able to eat a Schott Dining Hall meal in The Underground, students will need a to-go box before they do it next semester.

**Dan Cooney**  
Campus Editor

Starting next semester, students that eat meals in The Underground will no longer be able to go back and forth from Schott Dining Hall. The move is being made to curb students from stealing food.

"We've had a lot of abuse of the system where they [students] haven't swiped in," said JCU Dining Director Tyson Dubai. "It's become a little more of a problem over the past semester."

Instead of being allowed to travel back and forth from The Underground to the dining hall, students will receive a free, reusable take-out container and cup from the cashier when they swipe in. They may

fill up the container with as much food as they want, but once they leave the dining hall, they will not be re-admitted without swiping their student identification card again.

Some students that frequent The Underground to eat their meals were displeased with the decision. Junior Hannah Dubyoski cited the lunchtime rush as a reason for her opinion.

"There is absolutely no open table in that entire cafeteria," she said. "Where do they expect us to sit and eat lunch?"

Dubay explained that there is plenty of seating available in the dining hall.

"We have plenty of seats in the dining room," he said. "It's not like we don't have enough seats. [The Underground will] still

be opened up for our bigger themed meals, like for Thanksgiving."

Dubay said he wants to end stealing, but not as the expense of students that usually eat there.

"There are certain groups that eat up here all the time that I don't want to penalize," he said. "It's hard because I don't want to take away from the people that eat up there all the time, but I have to make it fair for everyone across the board."

Junior Student Union senator Jack Kirwin, who sits on Student Union's advisory committee on dining, thought the new restrictions would deter students from using The Underground.

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## Changes to the Loop

**Emily Gaffney**  
Campus Editor

There will be several changes made to the John Carroll University Loop Shuttle next semester.

The Rapid Transit Authority stop on Belvoir Boulevard will no longer be a stop on the list of shuttle destinations.

According to Director of Residence Life Heather Losneck, this decision was made as result of the lack of use of the RTA stop and in an effort to improve shuttle efficiency.

"The shuttle has had trouble keeping up with the 30 minute route with traffic and construction on Saturdays particularly, so we began to look at how to change it to minimize that problem. The RTA stop seemed the logical choice to remove from the route because so few students get off or on at that stop based on our ridership numbers," said Losneck.

The Office of Residence Life and the Residence Life Advisory Board, which is comprised of students and Student Union representatives, made this decision.

Sophomore Spencer German, a member of the Residence Life Advisory Board, thinks that this change will benefit students.

"One of the biggest complaints of students lately is that the shuttle runs late all the time and it takes a very long [time] to get back to campus from the various places students try to go during the day. This problem should now be solved and students will hopefully, as a result, be happier with the system and how much smoother it will run now," German said.

However, other students like sophomore Maurice Redd, also a Residence Life Advisory Board member, do not agree with the decision.

According to Redd, it will be more difficult for students like him who use the RTA to get home during breaks.

"Many students like myself use the RTA stop to get home for breaks,

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## A year later, relations have improved

University Heights Mayor improves relationship with JCU

**Emily Gaffney**  
**Katie Sheridan**  
The Carroll News



Photo from universityheights.com

University Heights Mayor Susan Infeld is nearing the end of her first year in office.

"It [the first year] has been busy," said Infeld. "I don't know that it has been as productive as I would have liked it to be, but I'm still working on that. I think I envisioned coming in and doing a lot all at once, and it takes time to get things accomplished."

One goal that she has worked on during her first year was improving relations between John Carroll University and the City.

Infeld said, "My experience with John Carroll has been great."

Dora Puce, director of government and community relations, said the City-University relationship has improved.

"I think there is a much more open line of communication, especially directly between the mayor's office and me and the [JCU] president's office," said Puce.

University Heights and JCU have worked together on several issues since Infeld took office last January.

Infeld donated bicycles the City had to the University, which allowed JCU to start the Coburn Bicycle Co-op.

"That [bike program] was a fun, community-building effort, so I was happy to

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# Campus Briefs

## Programming set to help students combat stress of finals week

In a campaign that began Dec. 7 and will continue until Dec. 16, “How to Survive Finals Week,” the Xavier-Nichols Programming Team and various other student organizations will be offering different amenities to help relieve student stress from the onset of finals week.

From Dec. 13-16, Monday through Thursday of finals week, the Student Center Atrium outside of St. Francis Chapel will be designated as a “stress-free zone” from 7-9 p.m.

The “stress-free zone” will offer a place for students to congregate and relax. Each night different programs are in place ranging from board game night, free food provisions, and visits from therapy dogs.

For further information about the “How to Survive Finals Week” program, please contact Mary Ann Hanicak, assistant to the vice president of student affairs, by phone at 216-397-1936 or by e-mail at mhanicak@jcu.edu.

## Bicycle racks moved for year-round riders

In response to requests from John Carroll cyclists the facilities department has moved four bicycle racks under cover for the winter months.

The bicycle racks normally located on the Hamlin quad side of the Dolan Center for Science and Technology will now be located under the center arcade on the patio and at the front entrance facing Pizzazz.

The bicycle rack usually in front of the library can now be found under the Administration Building’s west arcade. The Boler School of Business rack can now be found under the east arcade of the Administration building.

For any questions or further information please contact Carol Dietz, associate vice president of facilities, at #4310, or cdietz@jcu.edu.

## Changes in The Loop for next semester: different route order, no RTA stop at Belvoir

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whether it’s going downtown to the Greyhound or Megabus, or to the airport. But now we will all have to lug our suitcases all the way to the RTA station by foot,” Redd said.

Redd suggested that if ridership is low for the RTA stop, the University could eliminate the stop during the semester except for days before a break.

During the week students will still have transportation to the RTA stop via the CSS shuttle that transports students and faculty from campus to the Target parking lot or the Green Road Annex.

According to Assistant Director of Residence Life John Mack, if students request it, the CSS shuttle

will take them to or pick them up from the RTA stop on Belvoir Boulevard.

The shuttle route will also change next semester. The shuttle now stops at University Square, Legacy Village and Beachwood Place Mall before it stops at the Green Road Annex. The route will be reversed so that the Green Road Annex stop will be first.

Losneck said, “This should make a lot of students happy who just ride it to get to their cars at the Annex. They will not have to ride it [the shuttle] for 30 minutes first.”

Residence Life will distribute new publicity with the shuttle changes when the semester begins in January.



### Tentative new route for The Loop

**Stop 1:** JCU Belvoir parking lot at RecPlex

**Stop 2:** JCU Green Road Annex

**Stop 3:** Beachwood Place

**Stop 4:** Legacy Village

**Stop 5:** University Square

**Stop 6:** JCU Belvoir parking lot at RecPlex

## JCU-UH relationship makes strides in Infeld’s first year

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participate in that with the University,” said Infeld.

Additionally, JCU was granted permission by city council last year to hold its annual Relay for Life outside all night for the first time, although it was forced inside by weather.

Also, in the past, JCU had to present to City Council before large, annual day-time events such as the AC Milan Continental Cup and the Cuyahoga County East-West All-Star Scholarship Football Game. Infeld suggested that the University should not have to seek approval for these events each year and Council agreed.

Pruce said, “A lot of this has been accomplished through the mayor’s leadership.”

Aside from University programs, Infeld has sought to involve JCU in community affairs.

The City is working to create a community garden off of Taylor Road, north of Cedar Road, and has been working with Margaret Finucane, JCU’s director of the Center for Service and Social Action, to accomplish this.

The City is also involving JCU in its current financial issues. The City recently discovered that it owed more than \$2 million in tax increment financing (TIF) bonds. Infeld has set up a payment plan to make missed payments the City should have paid from 2003 until 2005.

“They’re [these financial issues]

surprising and then you just deal with them,” said Infeld.

Infeld expects the City to have less operational money and is planning to survey residents about which city services are most important. She has enlisted the help of JCU mathematics professor Tom Short to help with the survey results.

“We uncovered a lot of financial issues that were unknown to me. I want the community to weigh in [on] what is important to them, in terms of city services, because if we have to make cuts I don’t want to do that without some input.”

The survey will layout all of the City’s services and residents will be asked to rank them in order of importance.

“I don’t plan on passing this through to the citizens in terms of increased taxes. If anything is felt by the residents, it may be a change in the level of services offered would be the only effect; I hope that won’t happen. I think if we’re smart about how we allocate the dollars we have, that we can deliver the service in the same way the people have become used to getting them,” said Infeld.

While Infeld hopes that the city services provided to residents will not be dramatically altered, the City will have to hold off on new services and large purchases, such as large equipment and available land.

Overall, Infeld said that she has received positive feedback about her first year and residents are happy with city services.

Infeld said, “I think we’re doing what we need to be doing.”

## Dining in The Underground restricted due to food theft

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“I think it definitely would [dissuade students],” Kirwin said. “But I think that the students that eat in The Underground often will still get a to-go box and bring their food to The Underground, because you’re allowed to stuff the to-go boxes as high as you want, just as long as you can get it out of the dining hall.”

Sophomore Joan Yokie understands the need to curb food theft, but she also sees the restrictions as increasing the amount of wasted food.

“I understand the point they’re making,” she said. “But the point that I don’t get is that after nobody eats all the food, they toss it.”

Dubay also said the transformation of The Underground into a soft-seating space for students contributed to the decision.

“We’re working with students to [make] it more of a student hangout place and less of a dining space,” he said.

Students had an issue with classmates getting food in the dining hall and not swiping in, according to Dubay.

“Some students had brought to me the concern about people that were eating in the dining room that weren’t swiping in. Because what would happen sometimes is if a dirty dish was being left on the table, somebody that didn’t swipe in would grab it and go down and pretend that they [had swiped in],” he said. “We’re going to try this for now. If there’s a better solution down the road, we can [look into it].”

Freshman Kelly Sobonya wants JCU Dining to look into using a stamp system, where students that want to eat in The Underground can have their hand stamped to show they already paid.

“I really like eating out here,” she said. “It’s a more comfortable atmosphere for me and I just don’t like the fact they’re getting rid of it.”

“There are certain groups that eat up here all the time that I don’t want to penalize ... but I have to make it fair for everyone across the board.”

– **Tyson Dubay**  
Director of JCU Dining

# Campus Safety Log



### December 2, 2010

A student reported the smell of marijuana coming from the basement floor of Champion Hall at 8:32 p.m.

### December 3, 2010

Campus police received a report at 9:47 p.m. that a student is being transported back to JCU after being found passed out.

### December 3, 2010

Campus police reported disorderly conduct by an intoxicated student at 7:33 p.m.

### December 4, 2010

At 10:49 p.m. campus police documented a theft after seeing two males with a wet floor sign from Champion Hall.

*These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.*

# Second time not the charm for Student Union SOBB bill

Bill moving control of Student Organization Budget Board to VP of Business Affairs voted down again

**Claire Olderman**  
Assistant Campus Editor

After further deliberation, Student Union again voted “no” to the proposed bill concerning the modification to the student organization budget board (SOBB). This bill was first proposed at the meeting following the executive board elections.

On Nov. 30, the Student Union revisited the previously proposed amendment of moving the SOBB from the vice president for student organizations to the vice president of business affairs. Some members of the SU saw this as a simple shift in duties.

“In turn, this would make the check request process and all funding to go through one

office and not two,” said junior Senator Peter Hayden. “I voted in favor of the bill.”

At the meeting, some senators mentioned how the process currently in place can cause further confusion as to where money flows, and what has been taken care of or neglected. Lost receipts for paying back organizations is a concern as well. The proposed, but failed, bill was thought to be a solution to this.

Vice President for Student Organizations Chelsey Neuhaus noted that she wanted to continue to take action to fix the problem in a positive way, and is willing to do whatever it takes to make an agreeable compromise with other members of the senate.

Director of Student Activities Lisa Ramsey came up with the initial idea of the transfer of duties, yet there were still some senators that

did not see this bill as beneficial.

“To be honest, I’m still not 100 percent sure [what the bill was] because they didn’t do a good job of describing [it]. Then, they would say the same thing over again, in slightly different words,” said senior Senator M.P. Bagnowski. “I originally abstained, because I don’t feel we should have been voting on this bill, so when it came to actually vote, I voted no.”

Hayden argued that their job is to help run the University, and if that means making certain sacrifices to better the community, then so be it.

“If we as a Student Union are not effective and have too much red tape then we cannot govern to the best of our ability,” he said. “We were sent here to make the lives of these

students better than our own.”

Hayden is the vice president-elect for student organizations, and believes in giving a little of his position if that is what it takes to get things done more effectively.

Bagnowski argued that it is more than just giving up some of the position, but it will make Hayden’s job almost useless with a lot less work. He believes there needs to be a balance in power between the two positions.

Even though the bill did not pass, it is something that might again resurface in the future.

Hayden said, “It is unfortunate that the bill did not pass and I hope the newly elected senators will take this issue up again, so we can make our student union more efficient for tomorrow.”



Rev. Bernie McAniff, S.J.

Photo by Dan Cooney

## Get to Know: Rev. Bernie McAniff, S.J.

McAniff serves as University Chaplain. His duties include celebrating weekday and Sunday Masses on campus and teaching a Major American Writers course through the English department.

- Where are you from?** “I claim Rochester, N.Y. as my hometown. While I did not go to the Jesuit high school there [McQuaid Jesuit], I did teach there during the academic year 2006-2007. [John Carroll students] Steven Fedyk, John Gabriele and Christopher Shaheen were in my theology class that year. One of my sisters resides in Rochester. My other sister lives in Hagerstown, Md. So this small city in Maryland also serves as home, especially during holiday times. Her house served as a hospital for Union troops in the Civil War.”
- Do you enjoy working here?** “John Carroll’s students, faculty and staff have been very welcoming. I know that I am home when, while walking by the front of the Administration Building late at night, I hear someone standing under a lamp post say “Hello, Father” to me as I pass by. I am on the receiving end of good will, it seems generated by earlier Jesuits. ”
- What do you do with your free time?** “I like to go to an Italian bakery in Little Italy where people can order espresso and a pastry. I also get a fair share of out-of-town visitors, who seem to pop into town for conferences. I have been to Severance Hall for one symphony concert. ”
- What is the best part of your job?** “In the realm of Campus Ministry, I work with several colleagues, each of whom bears a special area of expertise. And, from time to time, where I can, I assist them back. There are also student groups who show initiative. I am probably still learning the breadth of student faith initiatives at JCU. Some students drop in to talk over how they can bring their faith to bear in their sport. Others remind me that people carry various crosses, whether their own ones or perhaps as latter-day Simons who assist a friend in carrying his or hers.”
- Why is your job important to JCU?** “While the faculty are very serious about carrying out JCU’s mission of educating the whole person—spiritually and emotionally as well as academically—the Res Life administrators and the campus ministers complement the faculty in promoting personal development and healthy living.”
- What is your favorite food?** “My favorite food is a Maryland crab cake. Try to avoid ordering this delicacy outside of the state of Maryland, for it’s less likely to be lump crabmeat, and more likely to be over-supplemented by breadcrumbs.”

– Interview conducted by  
Elizabeth-Burton Jones

## CAMPUS CALENDAR : DEC. 9 - DEC. 15

9	Thursday	10	Friday	11	Saturday	12	Sunday	13	Monday	14	Tuesday	15	Wednesday
SUPB sponsors a coffeehouse in the Student Center Atrium from 9-10 p.m.		Comedian Derek Hughes will perform in the Student Center Atrium from 8-9 p.m. The event is sponsored by SUPB.		Christmas Carroll Eve festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. with a holiday concert at Kulas Auditorium.		Mass at St. Francis Chapel will be held at 6 and 10 p.m.		Finals Week		Finals Week		Finals Week	
<div>The Carroll News wishes everyone good luck on final exams and a happy and safe holiday break. See you next semester!</div>													



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# Kanye West: channel surfer, Bon Iver fan, social critic, genius

**Noah Lamprecht**  
Staff Writer

If you're stuck in the frame of mind that Kanye West is a loud-mouthed idiot who isn't worth the time of day "I'ma let you finish" your rant, but he just released one of the best hip-hop albums of all time.

He's no fun at an awards show but he's amazing in a recording studio.

If I had to guess what Kanye has been doing for the two years since his last album came out I would say that he's been glued to a TV.

Every track is loaded with references to pop culture and current events in a way that indicates non-stop channel surfing. West doesn't simply drop the nods in at random, but works them into his overarching themes and statements, which makes them powerful devices instead of pointless shout outs. "Gorgeous" focuses on the issue of race relations and (in)equality as Kanye sees it.

Worked into a verse about the justice system is the line "Got caught with 30 rocks/The cop look like Alec Baldwin." Later in the same song, out of nowhere, comes "Ready for the world's game this is my Olympics/Choke a South Park

writer with a fish stick." West knows you get why that's funny because he's aware that the average person's world view extends only to what's going on during prime-time TV.

The album is full of references and allusions that seem out of place until you consider the twisted humor of putting a "30 Rock" joke in the middle of a song about ignoring the lower class.

West comments on race, politics, and society, just to name a few, but the songs that are by far the most powerful are those in which he deals with relationships.

On "Blame Game" we get a fight from the man's perspective in a failed romance.

For all his glitz and glamor elsewhere, West is shockingly genuine here.

His frank thoughts, "You weren't perfect, but you made life worth it/ Stick around, real feelings might surface," sound as if they're coming right from the mind of a frustrated lover and the song is gorgeous because of it.

The chorus "Let's play the blame game, I love you, more/ Let's play the blame game, for sure/ Let's call her names, names, I hate you, more/ Let's call her names, names, for sure," is delivered via a John Leg-

## ALBUM REVIEW

"My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy"



end cameo and sets the stage perfectly for an argument in which both parties are at fault.

The song develops into a conversation between a couple dominated

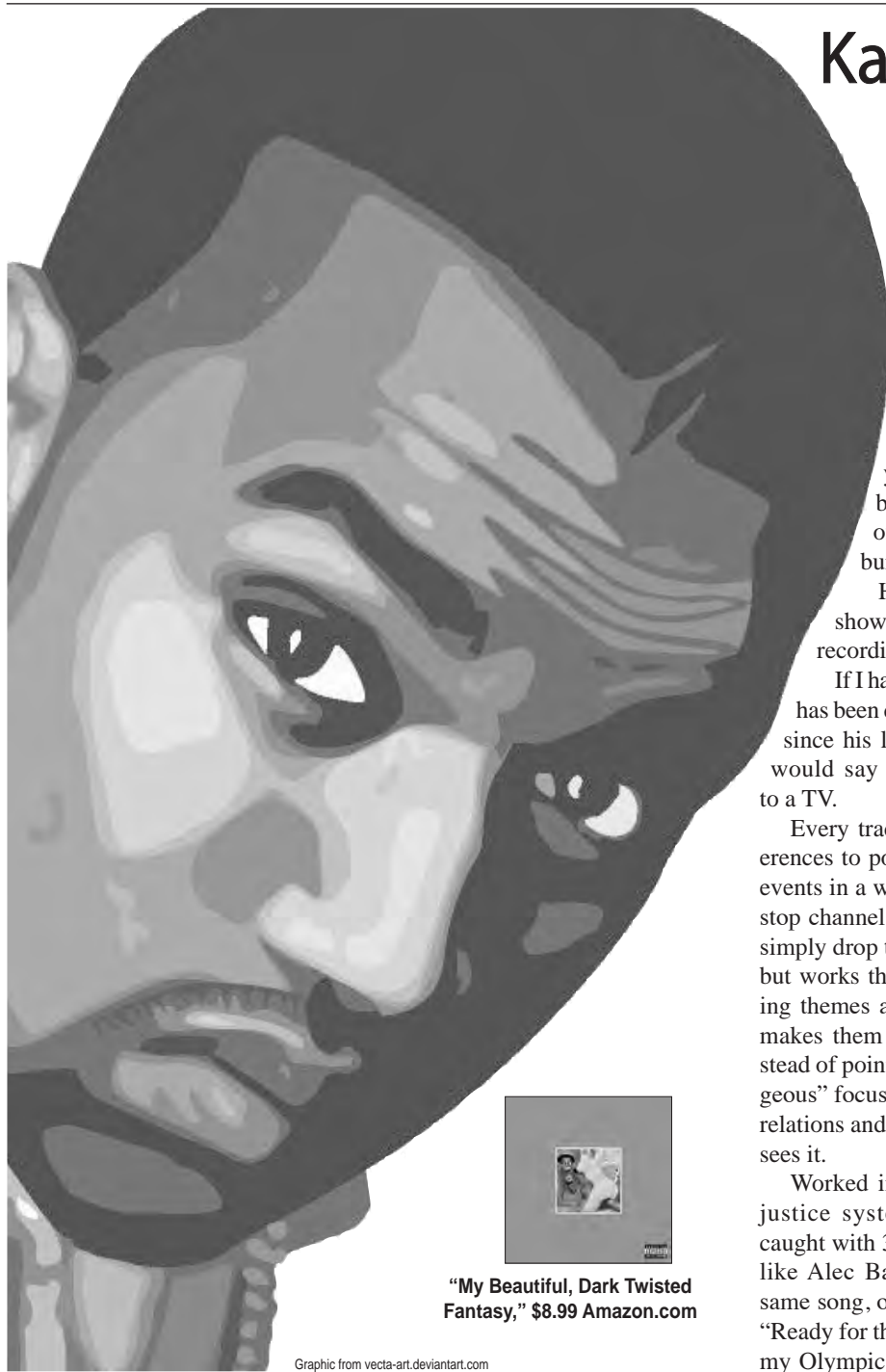
by the man, where guest Chris Rock talks about the woman in the most vulgar and sexist way imaginable. It is a total shock and offsets the honest and true relationship mentioned earlier in the song beautifully.

To close the best album he's ever made, Kanye turns to two generations of music for help.

"Lost in the World" begins with a 55 second sample of indie darling Bon Iver's "Woods" in which Kanye slowly eases his own voice in, even singing along for a few lines, before blowing the song up into a dance-fueled anthem about how pointless dance-fueled anthems are.

To punctuate his point West fades himself out and introduces a sample of legendary poet/performer Gil Scott-Heron's "Comment #1" that decries misguided American culture.

This album is an astonishing example of an artist who thinks about all aspects of his work at the highest level possible and is always one step ahead of where you think he's heading next. Kanye West might be dumb, but he's definitely not stupid.



"My Beautiful, Dark Twisted Fantasy," \$8.99 Amazon.com

Graphic from vecta-art.deviantart.com

# Franco shines as a one-man show in '127 Hours'

## MOVIE REVIEW "127 Hours"



**Ben DeVictor**  
Staff Writer

**SPOILER ALERT:** He cuts off his own arm.

"127 Hours" tells the extraordinary true story of Aron Ralston, the 27 year-old hiker who became trapped in a Utah canyon when his right hand was pinned under a boulder.

After five days, he cut off his own arm with a dull knife in order to escape and survive.

Don't worry, I'm not spoiling anything. You're supposed to know what's going to happen in this movie.

"127 Hours" is all about the anticipation rather than the actual event, and the ride there is incredible.

The new movie directed by Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire") stars James Franco ("Pineapple Express") as Aron.

Although the movie for the most part takes place in one spot, it is never dull and the viewer is never bored.

The psychological suspense and deterioration of Aron's physical

and mental health are fascinating to watch. Boyle's direction is a perfect fit.

Every frame bursts with energy that matches that of the main character. Boyle is able to take the camera anywhere, including the surface of a drop of water, and the inside of a straw.

Boyle often uses split-screen imagery that shows the same event from different perspectives, or offers a glimpse into Aron's mind while also staying in the action.

Once Aron starts to slip away from sanity, we're treated to some terrific trippy sequences, featuring clips from soda commercials and an inflatable Scooby Doo (It'll make sense when you see it, trust me).

While Aron is stuck, he revisits many memories of his life.

Boyle films these flashbacks perfectly.

We never see a grown-up Aron in them, and most of the time they're from his point of view.

Boyle could've cheated and used the flashbacks to take us away from Aron's predicament, but he is confident, and never allows Aron to leave the boulder. We are trapped with him.

While there is a supporting cast, "127 Hours" is basically a one-man show, and Franco is more than up for the job. His turn as Aron is by far his best performance and will be sure to land him a handful of nominations come awards season.

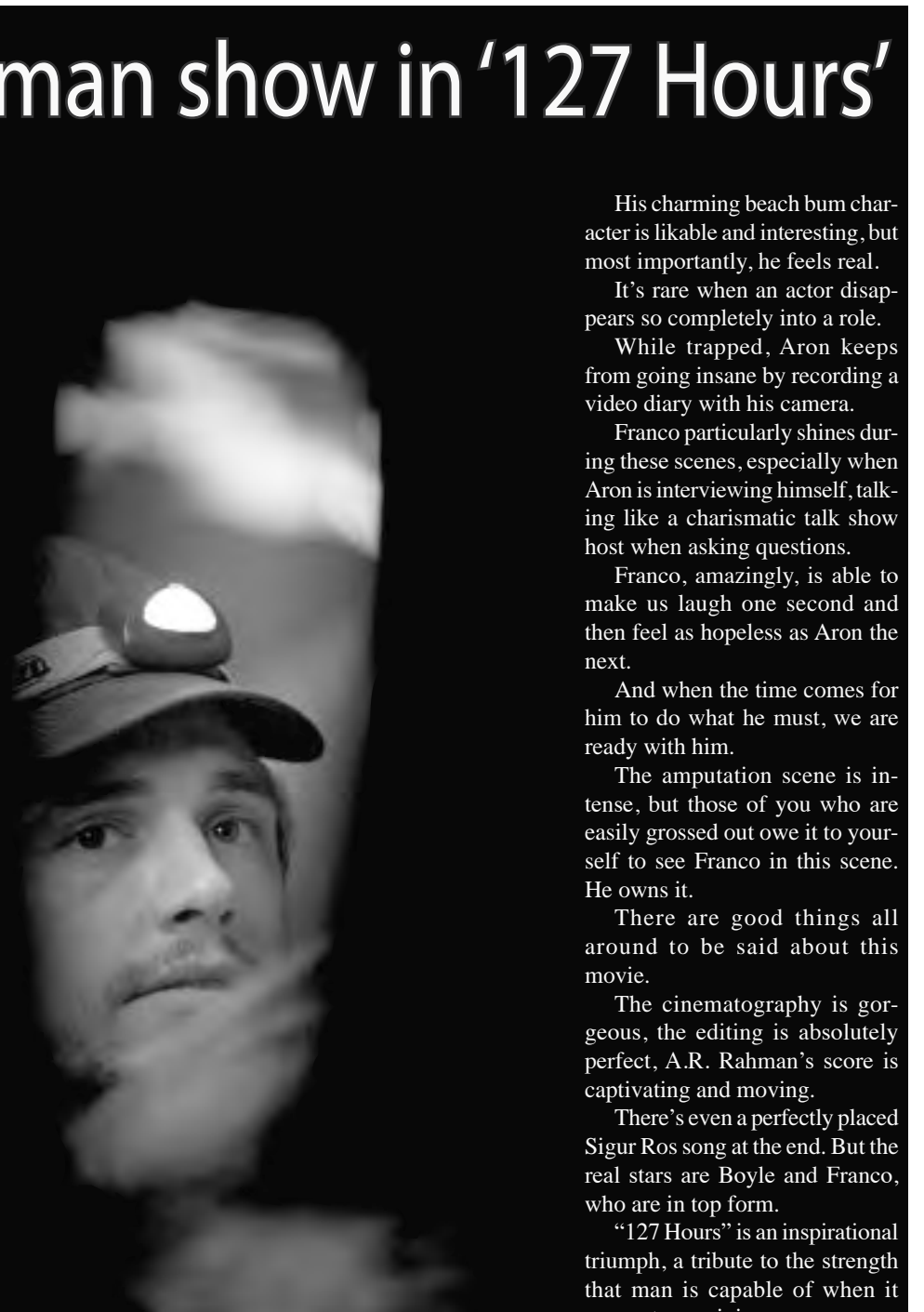


Photo from allmoviephoto.com.

His charming beach bum character is likable and interesting, but most importantly, he feels real.

It's rare when an actor disappears so completely into a role.

While trapped, Aron keeps from going insane by recording a video diary with his camera.

Franco particularly shines during these scenes, especially when Aron is interviewing himself, talking like a charismatic talk show host when asking questions.

Franco, amazingly, is able to make us laugh one second and then feel as hopeless as Aron the next.

And when the time comes for him to do what he must, we are ready with him.

The amputation scene is intense, but those of you who are easily grossed out owe it to yourself to see Franco in this scene. He owns it.

There are good things all around to be said about this movie.

The cinematography is gorgeous, the editing is absolutely perfect, A.R. Rahman's score is captivating and moving.

There's even a perfectly placed Sigur Ros song at the end. But the real stars are Boyle and Franco, who are in top form.

"127 Hours" is an inspirational triumph, a tribute to the strength that man is capable of when it comes to surviving.



# Celebs promote life through death

**Dale Armbruster**  
Staff Writer

Some loyal Twitter and Facebook followers may be wondering why their favorite actors and athletes haven't been checking in lately. They haven't been tweeting or posting because, well, they're dead. Digitally dead.

Celebrities banded together this month in a "Digital Life Sacrifice" in honor of World AIDS Day.

Personalities like Lady Gaga, Kim Kardashian and Ryan Seacrest are among those devoting their time and effort to [buylife.org](http://buylife.org), the host of the "Digital Deaths."

The object of the mass Twitter and Facebook exodus is to bring awareness to the AIDS epidemic and to raise \$1 million for Alicia Keys' charity, Keep A Child Alive.

Keep A Child Alive was started in 2003 by Leigh Blake, a music industry insider and AIDS research advocate.

Its predecessor, Red Hot Organization, was founded when Blake's peers in the music industry started to be afflicted with the HIV/AIDS virus.

As the years passed, Blake became more involved with Af-

rica and India and built clinics in both countries to help those struggling with the condition.

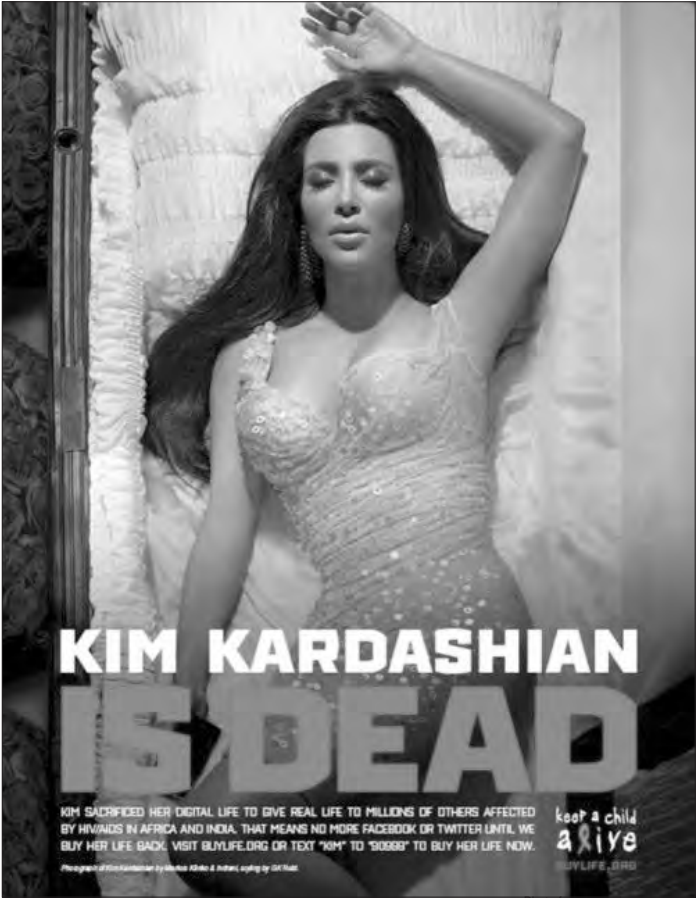
When Blake started Keep A Child Alive, singer Alicia Keys approached her about helping with the cause.

Together, Blake and Keys have raised enough money to provide testing to 250,000 children in India and Africa.

The foundation also operates three orphanages and major clinics in Mombasa.

Until donations reach the \$1 million mark, the celebs involved have committed to refrain from using social media of any kind.

Promoters hope that the sudden disappearance of celebrities from sites will awaken people to the cause of eradicating AIDS.



Kim Kardashian is one of many celebrities to die for the cause.

more than 30.8 million adults and 2.5 million children are currently suffering from the virus.

On Dec. 1, all involved left their "last Tweet and testament" on the Buy Life website.

Each celebrity received their own video time to discuss the cause.

All videos were accompanied by either a cryptic photo of the celebrity posing in a coffin, or a photo that is used to put on display at a funeral.

Nineteen actors, musicians and athletes have staged their digital death to this point.

The website also encourages everyday people to sacrifice their own digital lives.

Fans and supporters can leave their own "last tweet and testament" through a simple tweet on the site.

"It's a bold move," said freshman Eric Grimaldi. "It definitely is thinking out of the box."

The goal is to garner enough donations to hit that \$1 million mark, and the goal was reached during the afternoon of Dec. 6, in part because of a generous donation made by billionaire Stewart Rahr, also known as Stewie Rah Rah. Rahr is the owner of pharmaceutical and generics wholesaler Kinray, the largest privately owned pharmaceutical distributor in the world.

While the goal has been reached, donations are still encouraged, and can be made through a \$10 text message, similar to the method used to raise money for Haitian earthquake victims.

Fans can also buy a "scannable" T-shirt that features a barcode on the front.

Family and friends can "scan" the barcode with their phone and upload it to the site to complete their \$10 donation.

For more information about making a donation, visit [buylife.org](http://buylife.org).

The virus has been a global epidemic since 1981, when the first case was reported. According to avert.org, an AIDS awareness website,

"It's really important and super-cool to use mediums that we naturally are on," Keys said.

# Progressive Field transforms into a winter wonderland

**Lauren Cafarelli**  
Staff Writer

Looking for a source of winter entertainment this holiday season? You can find it at Indians Snow Days.

Progressive Field opened its doors to the public on Nov. 26 with its "Snopening" day, providing the Cleveland community with an opportunity to create new memories and experience a winter wonderland.

Indians Snow Days is the first event of its kind in Major League Baseball and is currently in the first year of its existence.

The idea for Indians Snow Days was sparked several years ago by the NHL's Winter Classic.

The Snow Days idea has taken several different forms, but the current idea came from the vision of Executive VP of Business Dennis Lehman, and VP of Ballpark Operations Jim Folk, this past January.

"We created Indians Snow Days at Progressive Field to be the destination for winter entertainment in Northeast Ohio," said Indians Vice President of Public Relations Bob DiBiasio.

"This first-of-its-kind event will give downtown Cleveland another marquee attraction this winter that will be sure to create memories for families, friends and co-workers."

"In addition to bringing people downtown, we have hired employees to staff the event and have utilized several vendors from the Northeast Ohio region to assist us with the event ranging from scaffolding to signage to landscaping to electrical engineers," said Robert Campbell, Cleveland Indians PR worker.

Each day, the Indians will blanket Progressive Field with 150 tons of snow, which will result in more than 5,000 tons of snow over the course of the event.

There are seven different events

available at Snow Days. General admission price is \$5, and to use the ice skating rink and the snow tubing is \$10 and \$20 respectively.

The Batterhorn (Snow Tubing), presented by RTA is a 10-lane snow tubing hill on top of Time Warner Cable Bleachers.

There are eight adult lanes and two children's lanes starting at the top of the outfield wall. Snow Days has two ice skating rinks.

The Frozen Mile is a quarter of a mile ice skating path around the outfield. The design of the Frozen Mile is the first type of ice skating rink in the United States.

There is also the Rookie Rink, for less-experienced skaters in the corner of the left field.

Young kids who aren't quite up for ice skating or snow tubing, can participate in the Slider's Snow Zone, which allows kids to just play in the snow in deep left field.

The Winter Haven is a walking trail through the outfield, having



The 3,000 square foot snow maze is a part of "Snow Days."

winter lights and a 3,000 square foot snow maze.

If you just want to watch the festivities, you can sit in the Home Run Porch, which has a fire pit and concessions, or sit by a heater in the Indians Home Dugout.

Snow Days expects to have a few thousand attendees every day.

It will be running until Jan. 2, 2011, and will be open on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

# Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening on campus and in Cleveland this week!

12.09  
**Dinosaur Feathers**  
Grog Shop  
8 p.m.  
\$8-\$10

12.10  
**Sleepers Awake**  
Grog Shop  
8 p.m.  
\$6

12.11  
**Iron Ingo Indoor Air Festival**  
Beachland Ballroom  
3:30 p.m.  
Free

12.12  
**Josh Hoge**  
House of Blues  
7 p.m.  
\$10-\$12

-Compiled by Jennifer Holton



# Randy returns to 'A Christmas Story House'

**Jennifer Holton**  
Arts & Life Editor

"You'll shoot your eye out" and "Momma, I can't put my arms down" may be the most well-known lines from "A Christmas Story." But it is the child that spoke the latter who has garnered all of the attention in Northeast Ohio recently.

Ian Petrella will be forever known as Ralphie's little brother Randy and "Mommy's Little Piggy" from the 1983 holiday movie classic.

Snorting as he smeared his mashed potatoes all over his face while his mother admiringly laughed and his father watched in disgust was just one scene audiences remember of the child actor.

Only 8 years old when he played the part of Randy Parker, Petrella has now returned to Cleveland and "A Christmas Story House and Museum" as a tour guide for aficionados of the much-loved film.

Now a 36-year-old graphics designer, Petrella is spending the holiday season living in an apartment inside of the "A Christmas Story House and Museum" on W. 11th Street in Cleveland.

In hopes of giving the fans a better experience by recalling his experiences at the house, Petrella is giving tours through the first week of January 2011.



Photo from [achristmasstoryhouse.com](http://achristmasstoryhouse.com).

## Petrella in 1983's "A Christmas Story."

"What made me want to come back was [the] interesting opportunity with the house," he said. "There's a whole apartment built in upstairs, and it's an opportunity to make [tours] a bit more personal and give fans more of an experience of the movie."

The house itself was used only for exterior shots, as the scenes inside of the home were filmed in Canada. According to Petrella,

everything done outside of the house (such as the backyard scenes and when he was pushed in the snow), was filmed in Cleveland.

Yet while the house may be a replica of the set used in the film, most of the



Photo from Ian Petrella.

## Petrella today.

original props from the house are located in the museum directly across the street from the house.

Among the props are the toys from the Higbee's window, the chalkboard from

Miss Shield's classroom and the Parker family car.

Petrella loaned his snowsuit costume and zeppelin to the museum to put on display, and fans who own their own memorabilia from the film are loaning items to the museum as well.

"More and more stuff is popping out of the woodwork, and more people are starting to call up and say, 'Hey guess what, I've got this, I've got that,'" he said. "So who knows what [props] we are going to have next year?"

With all of the original props in the museum, Petrella said with a laugh the only original item residing in the home is himself.

As for the Old Man's beloved leg lamp?

"It's gone," said Petrella. "I've already done the research on that, I've talked to the designer and asked what happened to them and he said they destroyed them all. It's like the leg lamp has become my holy grail and I was going to set out on a quest to find it but sadly enough it's gone."

Tours at "A Christmas Story House and Museum" cost between \$6-\$8, including access the house and museum.

For more information about dates for which Petrella will be available, visit [achristmasstoryhouse.com](http://achristmasstoryhouse.com).

## Frozen tongues, Darren McGavin, and TBS's 24-hour "A Christmas Story" marathon

### Ian Petrella talks to The Carroll News about his experience and reflection of the 1983 classic

– Interview by Jennifer Holton

**The Carroll News:** What are the demographics of the individuals who come and visit "A Christmas Story House and Museum"?

**Ian Petrella:** It's such a wide range nowadays. You obviously get the demographic of people that first saw the movie when it came out, and now you have the demographic of people that are my age in their mid-30s.

And of course, the people who grew up with it, they're introducing it to their kids. It's kind of being passed down generation to generation, which is good.

**CN:** You are a graphics designer right now?

**IP:** Yes. I've been doing graphic design and cartooning for the past three years. There is a musical that's opening up in December in Seattle, I've been asked to do some additional artwork for it ["A Christmas Story, The Musical!"].

**CN:** What was it like working with Darren McGavin? (The Old Man/Randy's father)

**IP:** The only way to describe him was professional. He just had a very professional manner. We got along great, but when I'd see him on the set, [he'd say,] "How are you doing, you know your lines? Ready to go? Alright." (Laughs) No pearls of wisdom from Mr. McGavin.

**CN:** Do you stay in touch with Peter Billingsley? (Ralphie)

**IP:** I haven't talked to him in years, but I'm actually going to see him this month at the musical [in Seattle]. I don't know what to expect [laughs], but hopefully it will be a little heart-warming moment.

**CN:** Is it saddening to see that the holiday season in downtown Cleveland has changed so much since the 1980s, with no parade or Higbee's anymore?

**IP:** I don't think so because in Cleveland, [people know] it is a part of their past, but now they have a new tradition which is their house.

**CN:** Did Ralphie's friend Flick actually stick his tongue to a frozen pole for the scene in the schoolyard?

**IP:** He did, but they used a plastic PVC pipe with a vacuum rod device attached to it. That's how they got his tongue to stick and it's basically the same device that they use in the dentist office.

**CN:** Did you believe that the film would be this popular today?

**IP:** At the time obviously no. My thought was that it was going to be played on the silver screen and that's all I was thinking about at the time.

And then it quickly disappeared and became a childhood memory and it wasn't until the 20-year anniversary that it took off.

Now it's getting a second light. So it definitely has more of an impact now than it did before.

**CN:** Do you watch any of the 24-hour marathon on TBS every Christmas Day?

**IP:** Well I don't watch it. (Laughs) It's definitely exciting to see, and it's more exciting to be a part of something that's continuing, and watching myself knowing that I got to be a part of something that was really amazing is really cool. It changed my life for the better.

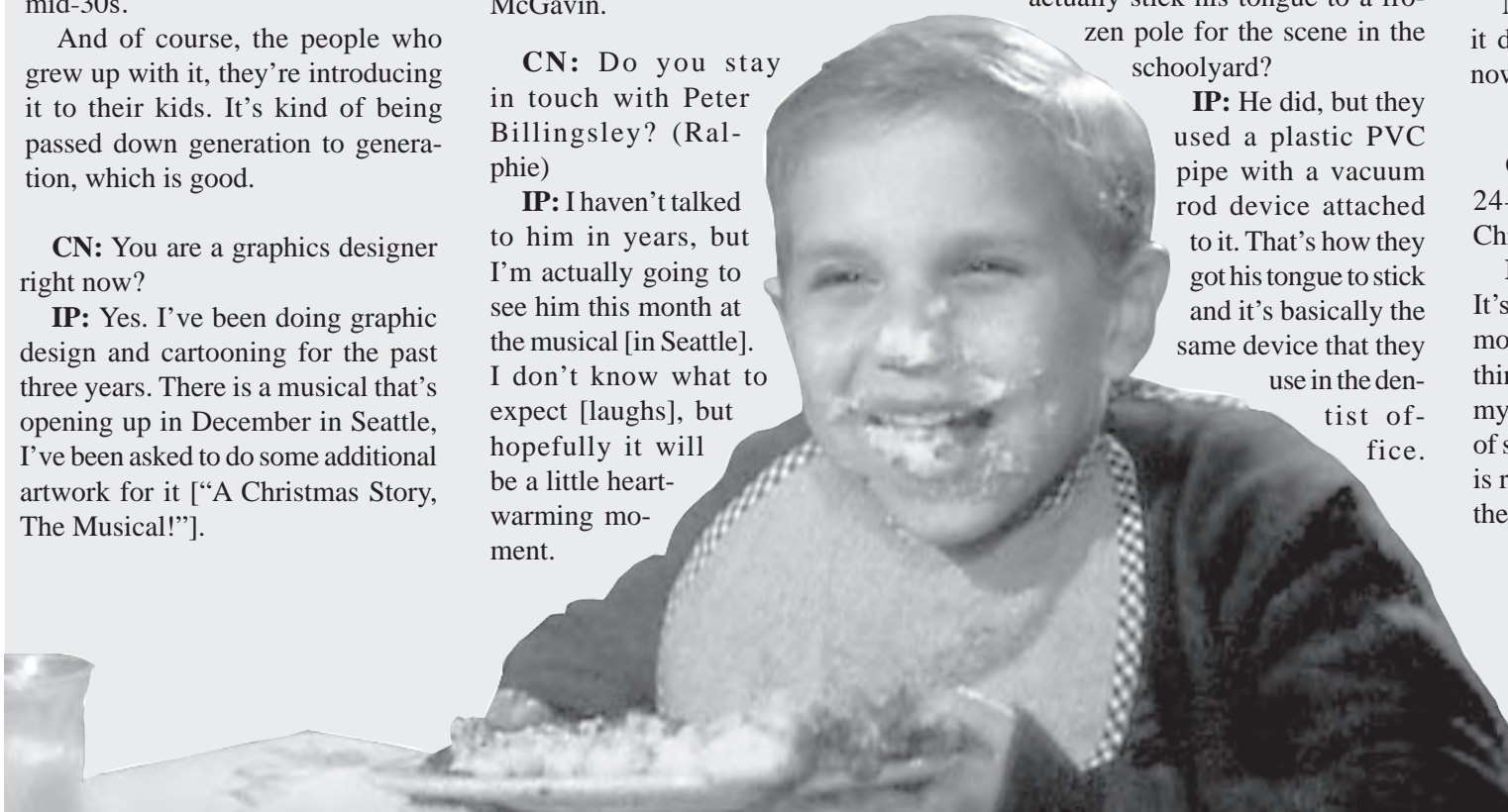
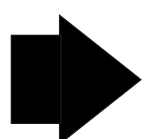


Photo from [tbs.com](http://tbs.com).

## Pick-Up Line of the Week



## "Shouldn't you be sitting on top of the tree, Angel?"

\*Submit your own pick-up lines by e-mailing [jholton12@jcu.edu](mailto:jholton12@jcu.edu).



WORLD WIDE WEB



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World News Editor

Do it for Nico

I made an academic debut of sorts this past Sunday night. At the “Peace for Sudan” panel in Donahue Auditorium, I spoke between Dan Griffin, the Sudan adviser for Catholic Relief Services, and Nico, one of the 27,000 “Lost Boys” of Sudan who have been displaced or orphaned by the Second Sudanese Civil War. What made me qualified enough to share the stage with these amazing gentlemen?

Absolutely nothing.

Either of them could have easily said what I said in much more detail. But that wasn’t the point. The point was to get a conversation started here on campus among the student body about the events going on in Sudan. And what better way to connect with the student body than through a student?

So I went up there, in front of a packed crowd of 87 people, and spent ten minutes talking about what I thought people should know about Sudan. Toward the end of the panel, we had a Q&A session, and one of the students asked what they can do to help Sudan. Don’t ask me how, but I had been appointed the moderator for the Q&A, and to be honest, the question caught me a little off-guard. I quickly looked at the others on the panel and handed the mic to the first person who looked like they had something to say.

But if I ever get asked that question again, I now know exactly what I’d say...

The violence that has taken place in Sudan is too gruesome to accurately portray in words. Pictures can do the job a little better, but the only way to truly understand the reality of what has happened there is to live it.

Before the panel began, Nico, who now attends Kent State University, showed me some of the pictures he had from when he was on the run from Sudanese government soldiers. He told me how his dad had been killed by the soldiers when he was just a boy, how he walked hundreds of miles with only his bare feet, how he can still remember the sound of the Russian-made airplanes of the Sudanese Air Force that attacked them on a regular basis, and how he was given so little food and firewood at the refugee camps that he could only eat one meal a day, and often had to pool his rations with others.

Then we talked about soccer, and how he thinks American football should be called “handball” since it didn’t involve kicking (I didn’t tell him I was on the football team). We also talked about college and how exams were coming up for both of us. For having such a traumatic childhood, I was struck by how he was still able to seem so normal.

When the panel was over, Nico came up to me with a huge smile on his face. He shook my hand and told me how much he appreciated my help. And that’s when it hit me. By educating others about what’s going on in Sudan, about what Nico had been through, I was promoting social awareness of the situation. And social awareness is absolutely necessary for social action to occur.

So on page 10, we have a whole page dedicated to the conflict in Sudan. Read it. Educate yourself about the conflict. Then educate others. Promote social awareness of the situation so that social action to help Sudan is possible. Do it for Nico.

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World Briefing



1. U.S. ends effort to stop Israeli settlement construction

The United States on Tuesday abandoned its effort to persuade Israel to freeze construction of Jewish settlements, officials said, dealing a blow to efforts to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Direct talks brokered by Washington were relaunched in September but broke down over the issue of settlements built on captured land that Palestinians seek for a state. Palestinians have said they would not engage in any direct talks while Israelis build on territory seized in the 1967 “Six Days” War. In Washington, officials said the U.S. was weighing a return to indirect talks following its failure to revive the direct negotiations. Despite the impasse, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will head to Washington next week to consult on how to move ahead. The U.S. admission represented a significant setback for U.S. President Barack Obama, who had hoped to have a peace deal signed by the end of next year. Pictured at left is Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. (MSNBC)



2. Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay recognize Palestine

Argentina and Uruguay said Monday they were joining Brazil in recognizing an independent Palestinian state, earning an immediate sharp rebuke from Israel and causing concern in the United States. Israel called the announcement by Buenos Aires “regrettable” and said it went against an Israeli-Palestinian agreement that such a state should only be recognized with Israeli approval. That echoed criticism Israel made after Brazil started the South American movement on Friday by saying it recognized a Palestinian state based on 1967 borders, before the Six Day War in which Israel seized Gaza and the West Bank. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, pictured at left, reached out to the governments as part of an effort to win U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state. His strategy followed the suspension of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations because of Israel’s renewed construction of settlements on Palestinian land after a temporary ban. (Agence-France Presse)



3. WikiLeaks founder arrested for sex abuse charges

Julian Assange, the founder of the WikiLeaks website, was arrested in Great Britain on Tuesday and ordered to remain in custody until a hearing next week on his possible extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over allegations that he sexually assaulted two women. Assange, 39, turned himself in to police Tuesday morning, hours after Britain received a formal warrant for his arrest from Swedish authorities. Assange denies any wrongdoing and says he will fight the attempt to extradite him, beginning with a hearing Dec. 14. That could be the start of a legal battle that could drag on for weeks, in part because the case against him in Sweden remains rather murky. Assange, who is Australian, is eager to avoid extradition for fear that it could set the stage for him to be sent to the U.S., where he may be charged with offenses relating to the WikiLeaks disclosures of State Department diplomatic cables and classified Pentagon files related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Los Angeles Times)



4. Obama unveils tax deal, receives criticism from Democrats

President Barack Obama and Republican leaders announced on Monday that, after weeks of negotiations, they had finally reached a compromise on the future of the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire at the end of this year. The deal includes an extension of expiring Bush-era tax cuts for all income levels — not just for lower and middle-income taxpayers, as Democrats wanted. It also contains a renewal of jobless benefits due to expire in a few weeks, and a one-year cut in Social Security taxes paid by workers. Other elements would loosen the estate tax and provide breaks for businesses to spur hiring. Officials said that overall, the proposal could add \$900 billion to the federal deficit over two years. Democratic opposition focused chiefly on two parts of the deal that marked concessions to Republicans: the decision to let expiring tax cuts remain in effect for people in upper incomes, and a change in the estate tax that the GOP has long sought. (The Associated Press)



5. U.S. pressures China on North Korea

In a sign of mounting tension between the United States and China over North Korea, President Obama telephoned President Hu Jintao, pictured far left, and warned that China was emboldening its unruly neighbor by not publicly challenging its behavior, a senior administration official said Monday. In a frank, 30-minute discussion on Sunday night, Obama urged China to put the North Korean government on a tighter leash after a series of provocations, most recently its shelling of a South Korean island, which has stoked fears of a wider military confrontation in the Korean Peninsula. Obama’s pressure on China was reinforced by a three-way meeting of the United States, Japan and South Korea at the State Department on Monday, at which they resolved to mount a united response to North Korea. (The New York Times)

– AP images and information  
compiled by Sean Webster.





WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange takes his seat during a news conference at the Geneva press club in Geneva, Switzerland, on Nov. 4.

## WikiLeaks exposes secret U.S. foreign policy

**Michael Reiser**  
Staff Writer

Thanks to independent Australian journalist and hacker Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks, the curtain has been pulled back on hundreds of thousands of American diplomatic documents and cables, otherwise kept secret from the public.

Published via WikiLeaks, top-secret information dealing with the international relations of the United States has been put on the Internet for the entire world to download and read.

The cables concern a large range of diplomatic topics, from American blueprints of setting up a unified Korea if North Korea were to collapse, to lists of certain sites around the world that if attacked would have a “critical impact” on the national security of the United States.

According to some of the published documents, American diplomats have participated in talks with South Korean officials regarding how the two countries would handle a North Korean collapse. The North has recently suffered from severe economic troubles and, with its leader Kim Jong-Il in bad health, could face an increased risk of instability with his death.

South Korean officials have even developed a plan of economic incentives to appease China, North Korea’s most powerful ally.

A list of sites sensitive to the national security of the United States was also released via WikiLeaks.

Britain’s foreign secretary, William Hague, told BBC radio the publication of the list created a “great concern, of course, about disclosing a list of targets that could be of use to terrorists or saboteurs.”

The list, compiled by the Department of Homeland Security in 2008, labeled these sites as “critical foreign dependencies.” These range from hydroelectric dams in Canada and Mexico, vaccine manufacturers in Denmark, and mines in Africa.

Mark Stephens, Assange’s lawyer, insisted to the BBC that WikiLeaks was not putting those sites at risk by releasing these documents.

Some cables are not total surprises, but are mere confirmations of suspected knowledge. One of the most significant cables to be released regards Iran’s acquisition of a small arsenal of long-range missiles from North Korea. Speculation surrounding the subject has been circulating since a 2006 report that North Korea may have sold Iran Russian

R-27 missiles.

According to The New York Times, “many arms control experts concluded that isolated components made their way to Iran, but there has been little support for the idea that complete missiles [...] had been secretly shipped.”

According to the leaked cable, released Feb. 24, the missiles, modified by North Korea, are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The estimated 19 missiles obtained from North Korea by Tehran can reach most of the capital cities of western Europe. Although Iran has not obtained a nuclear device capable of being attached to the missiles, the weapons remain an important step in their efforts to obtain a nuclear arsenal.

In a press release, the White House strongly condemned WikiLeaks for leaking classified documents and sensitive national security information.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the State Department have begun to notify foreign officials of the publications that are expected to surface in the near future.

The press release went on to say that the cables may “deeply impact not only U.S. foreign policy interests, but those of our allies and friends around the world.”

### jcunews.com World News Poll

#### Would you vote for Sarah Palin for president?

No **68% (28 votes)**

Yes **20% (8 votes)**

Not sure/No opinion **10% (4 votes)**

#### THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

#### Do you support WikiLeaks?

Go online at [www.jcunews.com](http://www.jcunews.com) to vote in the poll, and check out the next issue to see the results.

### “WORD FOR WORD”

*“Why was he not pursued with the same urgency we pursue al-Qaida and Taliban leaders?”*

– Sarah Palin, in a Facebook post, on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. (Facebook)

*“Sarah Palin says Julian should be hunted down like Osama bin Laden – so he should be safe for at least a decade.”*

– A tweet from the WikiLeaks Twitter page. (Twitter)

*“It’s this lip. It’s hard to say ... You try it when you’ve had 12 stitches.”*

– President Obama joking on Sunday night when he couldn’t say the word “superfluous” during a White House event. The president was injured in a pickup basketball game the day after Thanksgiving. (CNN)

*“I know times are tight and cuts are needed, but you can’t cut human lives. You just can’t do that.”*

– Flor Felix, whose husband, Francisco, 34, was denied a liver transplant because of state budget cuts to Medicaid benefits in Arizona. (The New York Times)

*“Memo to our President: Why are we always punting on 3rd down? Let’s get our offense on the field.”*

– Rep. Anthony Weiner on President Barack Obama’s decision to extend tax cuts for the upper class. (Twitter)

– Compiled by Sean Webster

## Talks on Iranian nuclear program get nowhere, but future talks planned

**Jennifer Holton**  
Arts & Life Editor

A session of talks concluded Tuesday between six major powers and Iran over its nuclear program, with scarce signs of advancement. The meeting was the first in 14 months among Iran and the five United Nations Security Council permanent members (the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia) plus Germany.

A further meeting was scheduled for next month in Istanbul, Turkey.

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who was the host of the talks in Geneva, cited Iran’s nuclear program as a chief concern of the UN Security Council Permanent members and Germany.

“We recognize Iran’s rights [to

nuclear power], but insist it fulfills its obligations,” Ashton said. “We plan to discuss practical ideas and ways of cooperating toward the resolution of our full concerns about the nuclear issue.”

Tension was expected to be present at the meeting Tuesday, as one of Iran’s prominent nuclear scientists, Majid Shahriari, was killed last week. Iran’s envoy to the Geneva talks, Saeed Jalili began the session by condemning the killing of the physicist.

Following Jalili, according to The Washington Post, nearly 70 to 80 percent of the discussion was about the Iranian nuclear program, with the opening session lasting three hours followed by a series of bilateral meetings.

The United States did not engage

in a bilateral meeting with Iran, although the U.S. said it was willing to meet.

However, a U.S. administration official told reporters that the United States “had several informal interactions which were useful to reinforce our main concerns.”

In addition, China and Russia, both of which have close relations with Iran, had the chance to engage in discussion with Iran and delivered the message that Iran must address concerns about its nuclear program.

The United States has not had diplomatic relations with Iran since 1979, when a group of Iranian extremists stormed the American embassy in Iran and took 52 U.S. citizens hostage for 444 days.

In Iran Tuesday, Iranian Presi-

dent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said talks on his country’s nuclear program between the six powers would be “fruitful” if the countries took the measure to cancel the sanctions against Iran.

“If you come to the negotiations by canceling all the nasty things and wrong decisions that you have adopted... lift resolutions, sanctions and some restrictions that you have created... then the talks will definitely be fruitful,” Ahmadinejad said.

Iran’s nuclear program and enrichment facilities in Qom and Natanz have drawn four sets of United Nations sanctions and have been the center of the talks in Geneva led by the European Union.

Although the Iranian government says it is not trying to develop

a nuclear weapon but simply produce uranium to fuel atomic reactors and produce electricity, the United States and Europe are fearful that Iran is secretly using its nuclear facilities to build a nuclear arsenal.

Iranian officials initially stated their nuclear program was not up for discussion. However, after the majority of Monday’s discussion focused on the program, the outcome of the dialogue was considerably different.

According to The Washington Post, both Iranian and Western officials described the talks in Geneva as “constructive,” and that other countries are eager to see if Iran will agree to draw out a plan that fully explains its uranium-enrichment program.



# Historic vote draws near in Sudan

Sean Webster  
World News Editor

A month from today, on Jan. 9, the world may witness either the birth of a new nation or the beginning of a bloody genocide in southern Sudan.

On that day, the south is scheduled to go to the polls to decide whether or not to secede from the rest of the country. The vote is supposed to bring a peaceful end to decades of conflict that have resulted in the deaths of millions of Sudanese. But with so much at stake, it could just as easily mark the beginning of the latest chapter of bloodshed.

The country first plunged into civil war between the north and south after gaining independence from British colonial rule in 1956. The fighting lasted until 1972, but broke out again with renewed ferocity in 1983. Since then, some four million Sudanese have died as a result of fighting and famine-related effects.

Fighting persisted full-force until the early years of this decade, when peace talks finally began to gain momentum. On Jan. 9, 2005, leaders of both President Omar al-Bashir's National Congress Party (NCP) and the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), the military wing of the main rebel group in the south, signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). The CPA, which represented the culmination of a



Southern Sudanese sit in a registration center in the capital city of Khartoum in Sudan on Nov. 25.

secede from Sudan.

While it is widely expected that the south will choose to secede, with only a month left until the vote, many major issues that were supposed to be settled long ago remain unresolved. Voter registration is behind schedule. The border between the north and south still has not been drawn. And, perhaps most importantly, there is still no agreement on how Sudan's oil revenue will be shared.

Oil profits account for almost all of the Sudanese government's rev-

enue, and are the main reason that Sudan's economy has tripled in size in just 20 years. President Bashir has virtually staked his legitimacy to oil profits, using them to build roads, schools and hospitals, as well as to arm his military.

However, Bashir has likely lost sleep over the fact that almost all

of Sudan's oil wells are located in the south. If and when the south secedes, the government in Khartoum surely fears it will take the oil wells with it. And in the absence of an oil sharing agreement, Bashir won't let that happen without a fight.

But the Sudanese government has neglected the south both economically and politically for far too long. Not only has this neglect driven the decades-long conflict, but it has also left the south impoverished and undeveloped. An independent south, therefore, would need at least a substantial share of the oil profits if it is to have any chance at survival.

As the election has drawn near, accusations that the north will try to delay the referendum have increased. Some predict that if the referendum collapses, the south will unilaterally declare its independence, plunging the country into a more ferocious state of war than ever seen.

After all, the five years since the CPA was signed has allowed the Sudanese Armed Forces and the SPLA to rearm and reposition along the border. And Bashir, who is already wanted for his role in the genocide in Darfur that killed some 300,000 Sudanese, has proven that he is willing to cross the line.

## Sudan: It's more than a game

Why you should care about what's going on in Sudan

Commentary by  
Wycliffe Odhiambo  
The Carroll News

Thousands of miles separate us from Sudan. In fact, I recently encountered an interesting flight schedule on Expedia. Fly from Cleveland to Toronto, Toronto to Montreal, Montreal to Brussels, Brussels to Entebbe, Entebbe to Nairobi and finally, Nairobi to Khartoum, Sudan. So why should we care about it?

The truth is that in an increasingly globalized world, we are very much interconnected. Here is an example of just how much: the Comprehensive Peace Accord was signed in Naivasha, literally five minutes from my house in Kenya.

Six years later, here I am 16,000 miles away, writing about that same peace in Sudan. We are all in intertwined in a global web.

There are political reasons aplenty to care about Sudan and its peace. Maybe we should care that China is deeply invested in the Sudanese oil and is increasingly becoming a threat to U.S. hegemony. Then again, there are numerous and fuller oil wells in the Middle East, and we are trying to go "green" anyway.

With neighboring Somalia, a failed state to its east, another civil war in Sudan would have a far-reaching domino effect on the region's security. At the very least,

an influx of refugees from a war-torn Sudan would complicate internal and food security of its neighbors. But for Somalia, known for perennial lawlessness, terrorist outfits and pirates will continue to thrive. And by no means are these pirates as nice-looking or as cool as their Hollywood-generated counterpart Captain Jack Sparrow.

A war-torn Sudan would itself be an attractive proposition for budding terrorist groups with the rural and mountainous regions in the far south and northeast especially appealing.

But maybe that has a long shot of affecting the U.S. Perhaps the most pinch you would feel, as a result, would be the lack of Ethiopian or Kenyan coffee, which is some of the very best. Or perhaps the romantics would miss the roses that thrive in East Africa.

Not to trivialize matters, my aim here is to show you that for every politically-oriented angle that we explore as a cause for caring about Sudan, there is an avenue for a rational and irrational argument for justifiable detachment.

But there isn't a rational or irrational avenue for counter-argument for one reason for which we should care about Sudan. That reason, the most basic of them all, is that *we are humans*. Sudan is not a political chess game like the northern ruling-elite have made it out to be.

Here is how that game looks so

far: The CPA gave the southerners the right to hold a referendum to determine whether to secede from Sudan or not. But in 2003, the Sudanese government moved its "knights" into Darfur and started ethnic and social class-based violence against civilians.

The international community used its "bishop," ICC prosecutor, Luis Moreno Ocampo, to trap the Sudanese government's "king," Omar el Bashir, with the hope of ending the conflict in Darfur. But Sudan has used the upcoming referendum as its most calculating and lethal "rook" yet. The referendum is just but a bargaining chip.

Since the world would very much like to see the referendum happen, and in a transparent manner too, Bashir and his contingency, as late as today, have threatened to sabotage or not carry out the referendum altogether.

Their hope is that they can negotiate a deal where they are exonerated and decoupled from wrongdoings in Darfur in exchange for the referendum's occurrence. Should that be the case, that would be "check" for them.

If the world plays its own "king" and traps the Sudanese "queen" with a "check" of its own through compliance to Bashir's demands, Bashir would yell "check mate." He would get away with committing genocide in Darfur in what one



Two-year-old Nyagod Kuel attempts to eat on her bed in a hospital ward in southeastern Sudan.

analyst refers to as Mis-al-Khitam in Arabic, which means "the perfect ending."

As humans, we should care when human life is seen merely as pawns in a political chess game. As humans, the distance and the flight connections between here and Sudan should not matter because human brotherhood knows neither borders nor demarcations. As humans, the question should not be, "What is in it for us?" The question should be, "How can I help my fellow human beings?"

We should care because we have had a spectacular example of what happens when no one cares for human lives and plays politics. The world stood by as the Rwandan genocide claimed 800,000 lives in 100 days.

We should care because we understand the value of freedom. Nowhere in this 21st century should someone be denied the right to vote. That freedom to choose should also not bear with it a risk to the very life of the voter either. Neither should the referendum only go ahead on the condition that the world turns a

blind eye to the killings in Darfur, because those Darfurians are also humans.

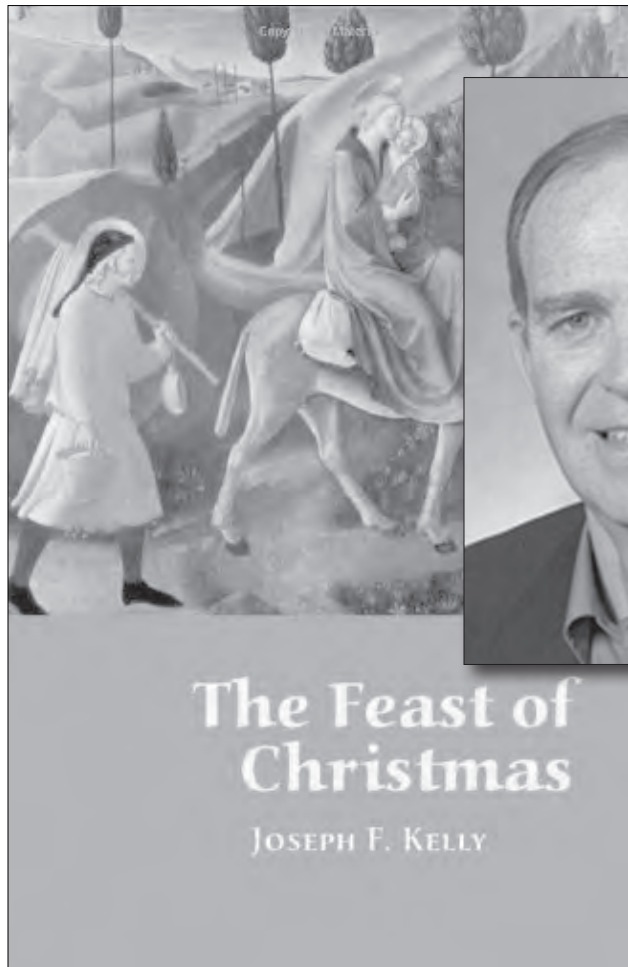
The people of southern Sudan are not going guns ablaze to topple the government. Far from it, their only weapons are a piece of paper on which they will choose in an election that is not even guaranteed to be free and fair, and hope for a better future.

But they still want to vote. That is their choice. This is a moment in their lives where they are actually deciding something. They did not decide to be in perennial civil wars; they did not choose to live in abject poverty while the north prospered out of resources located closer to them than to the northerners.

But they can now choose, and they should be able to choose without risking a civil war. We should care because they seek freedom. By caring, we support the ideal that every human, Sudanese or American, male or female, rich or poor, should not die because they exercise their freedom to vote. This is not a political, constitutional or religious right. It is simply a *human* right.



## The Feast of Christmas is alive at JCU thanks to Kelly



**Published by Liturgical Press The Feast of Christmas was released this year and follows two other Christmas books Kelly has written: “The Origins of Christmas” and “The Birth of Jesus According to the Gospels”).**

**Joseph F. Kelly is a professor of religious studies at JCU. He has also written: An Introduction to the New Testament for Catholics, The Collegeville Church History Timeline, and The Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church.**



New book written by faculty details the history of how people have celebrated Christmas from the fourth century until now

**Jillian Dunn**  
Campus Spotlight Editor

Tis the season to decorate the tree, hang the stockings, and perform family Christmas traditions. Joseph Kelly, John Carroll professor with a specialization in the history of Christianity, focuses on the religious traditions of Christmas in his new book “The Feast of Christmas.”

The 136-page book is a survey, illustrating specific examples against the historical backdrop of the time, which traces the celebration from its

origin to today.

“The Feast of Christmas” is Kelly’s third Christmas book (“The Origins of Christmas,” “The Birth of Jesus According to the Gospels”). While readers might expect a thorough investigation into the birth of Jesus, the book documents the actual celebration of Christmas, as the title suggests.

Kelly explains what is known about the birth of Jesus, though.

“The gospels indicate a humble birth to a carpenter and his teenage wife, so we can be sure of that. It certainly took place in Bethlehem. Historians can say these things but other gospel elements, such as the virginal conception, are matters of faith,” Kelly said.

Stories of Jesus’s birth are only included in two of the Gospels.

“Actually Jesus’ birth is important as a prelude to the gospels of Matthew and Luke who, like Mark and John, really focus on Jesus’ public career, death and resurrection,” Kelly said.

Early Christians did not celebrate Christmas until the

fourth century, and from there the struggle to balance the “two Christmases” (secular and religious) continues today.

The celebration of Christmas takes dramatic turns through the Middle Ages latching on to its current date and the pagan feast Yule, to the religious Christmas being challenged in the sixth century being banned by Puritans. The book finishes up with documenting the religious Christmas not only existing in consumerist society, but flourishing in it.

Kelly credits the book’s focus and helpfulness to his “History of Christmas” students at JCU in the preface of the book.

“Over the years my students have asked me many good questions that have sharpened not only my understanding of the subject, but also of the kinds of topics that would interest the general reader. If you find this book helpful, my students can take much of the credit,” Kelly wrote in his preface.

Junior Amanda Chu, currently enrolled in Kelly’s class, said Kelly has reminded her of what Christmas is truly about.

“We celebrate Christmas every year and celebrate the traditions, but many people do not know the origins. Nowadays people just celebrate Christmas for the gifts rather than the religious aspect, and they do not know how all the songs and traditions correlate to Jesus and his birth,” Chu said.

Kelly says his interest of Christmas goes back like a lot of us, from childhood. “I like Christmas very much, ever since I was a child. My books on Christmas derive from that interest,” Kelly said.

“The Feast of Christmas” is currently available in the JCU bookstore, and signed copies from Kelly also appear on the shelves.

## JCU Gospel Choir teams up with new student organization

Joint service trip benefits Waterford Retirement Facility make this longer

**Jeanniece Jackson**  
The Carroll News

On Nov. 19, 2010, the John Carroll University Gospel Choir and FACES organization went on a joint service trip to the Waterford Retirement Facility in Richmond Heights, Ohio. Taking a total of 18 members from both groups, their goal was to spread holiday cheer to the senior citizens there.

FACES, which co-sponsored the trip, is a new JCU student organization whose name is an acronym for faith, action, culture, entertainment and service. The organization’s mission is to bring an atmosphere of faith, fellowship, fun and a family dynamic to John Carroll’s campus.

The program hosts various activities including powerful dinner discussions and attending sports games and campus events as a group. They also team up with other student organizations to engage in service opportunities.

The Gospel Choir was reorganized in Fall 2009, and this is the first time the group has been involved with a service component.

Sophomore Cedric Jackson Jr., musical director for the Gospel Choir, said, “We’re glad to establish a partnership with the Waterford Retirement Facility. It was an experience I’ll never forget.”

Later that evening, FACES sponsored a Jeopardy game for the senior citizens, giving away towels, clothes and socks

gift-wrapped in holiday wrapping paper. After the Jeopardy game, the Gospel Choir sang for the Waterford residents.

Following, both groups took pictures, and mingled with the residents over the cookies and punch that the Waterford provided as a special “thank you” for coming.

Waterford resident, Claudine Chatman said, “Everything was perfect; it was the largest crowd we’ve had come out for an evening activity.” As many as 47 residents filled the multi-purpose room that evening.

Waterford activity coordinator, Sue Stamey thanked both groups profusely for coming.

“The gifts were perfect for our residents’ daily needs. And the singing was absolutely wonderful.”

According to Walter Simmons, FACES adviser, “It has partnered with the Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope (NOAH), after earlier this semester when the group brought in NOAH executive director, Trevelle Harp, to speak on community organizing.”

“FACES is looking forward to hosting some great events in the near future,” Simmons added.

With regards to the Waterford trip, Junior Melanie Davis, financial officer for FACES said, “I had so much fun interacting with the



**FACES volunteers that attended Waterford Trip**

Photo taken by Elder Cedric Jackson Sr.

residents; it was great to hear some of their stories.”

Junior Yuri Sato, a new member to the Gospel Choir said, “The Waterford facility was gorgeous and the people were amazing. I’m excited to return again next year.”

Davis said, “I had so much fun interacting

with the residents. It was great to hear some of their stories.”

The Reverend Valentino Lassiter is the adviser for Gospel Choir and encourages all to come out for the Gospel Choir’s concert next semester. Both advisors enjoyed the groups’ collaboration for the Waterford Trip.



# Class at Carroll work opportunity for th



When Max Wilberding signed up for MN 403, seminar in management class, he had no idea what he was getting himself into. The class would involve no tests or quizzes. Their only responsibility was to create a project – a project to build economic opportunity for those less fortunate.

The concept sounds simple enough, but according to the professor Scott Allen the assignment is quite involved.

“Each student has to recruit two people to be on [their] team, make a video in French or Spanish, [create] a product that is simple and user friendly, and raise \$800 in capital.”

The class quickly dropped from 25 members to eight. Wilberding admitted that he was one of the students who considered dropping the class, but today he is glad that he didn’t.

“[The class] is very interesting. It is definitely a lot more rewarding than any other class.”

The students are working with Karen and John Godt, Hope for Honduran Children and Henri Ngolo, African Children’s Ministries. The students have been presenting their projects to the class and the hope is that they will all be put into action.

“I have a great respect for the students that have taken on this challenge,” said Allen.

By Katie Sheridan

1. **Michael DiFranco**

*Project:* to teach the children of Honduras how to make easy shoes.

Old tires will be used as the soles of the shoes and a water resistant material will serve as the upper part. With this, the children will have something to walk and work in. The majority of the children do not have shoes, and the knowledge of making them could help to change the community.

\* **Tommy Lavelle**

*Project:* to teach children how to make a yo-yo.

In order to craft the yo-yo the children will use a lathe, a block of wood, and a string. We truly believe that by teaching these children this craft, they will benefit in two different ways. First, they can benefit economically by selling the yo-yos. With little to no material cost, whatever they sell them for will be profit. Secondly and more importantly, playing with the yo-yos will provide them with the simple joy and satisfaction of creating something, and, ideally, put big smiles on their faces.

2. **Lannie Le**

*Project:* to teach these kids how to create and manufacture solar ovens. Bowl of Sol (Sol means sun in Spanish, the sun filling their food bowls) is the name of the project.

The design uses cardboard, plastic bags, glue, aluminum foil and a knife. The finished product uses solar energy to trap heat using a pot placed inside a sealed plastic bag. It is used to cook food and pasteurize water, and can be used as an autoclave for medical instruments. There will be a stencil with specific measurements for the children to trace in order to help angle sunlight to harness the most energy.

3. **Christopher Romeo**

*Project:* the process of drip irrigation

Drip irrigation is a process that uses a system of a water source, pipes, tubing and emitters. This system carries a mixture of water and fertilizer from the source directly to either the roots of the plant or the soil surface. This drip irrigation system will help to keep crops healthy in periods of drought and dry in periods of heavy rainfall. This allows them to either sell their crops or use them to sustain themselves.

# Projects to build economic the less fortunate



“The Hope for Honduran Children Foundation was established to help provide a nurturing environment for children ravaged by conditions of extreme poverty in Central America,” according to [hopeforhonduranchildren.org](http://hopeforhonduranchildren.org).



“We hope to help children and families in Africa find hope through the promotion of development initiatives within communities, advocating for human rights and social conditions for orphans and people with disabilities, as well as creating a balanced social life for youth and widows. We are in the business of changing lives, one child or family at a time,” according to the African Children Ministries and Family Services.

4. Rosario Scibona

\* Edward Seibolt

5. Cheri Stuart

6. Max Wilberding

*Project:* to take the plastic bags that The Hope for Honduran Children organization currently receives flour in and teaching them how to sew them into tote bags that they can sell throughout their community.

The bags are like a mesh, plastic material and are cut in half. The children fold the rim inside and use a sewing machine to make a hem. After the hem is stitched they sew on handles. This teaches the orphans that just because something may appear to be garbage doesn't mean that it can't be used for something else.

*Project:* to teach them how to make a plant fertilizer out of Tilapia (fish), which they will be raising in ponds.

The fish is first cut into pieces, specifically one fish per gallon of water. Then, the pieces are added to at least a five-gallon bucket, which is filled with water about three-fourths of the way to the top. Two cups of sugar are added to help the stage of decomposition. This mixture sits for one week until it is time to sift out the fish parts and keep the liquid. This liquid, organic tilapia hydrosylate, is used to water and fertilize plants.

*Project:* to teach the students how to crochet baby hats on a loom.

In order to create the baby hats, the loom, yarn and the knitting needle are all necessary. The yarn is wrapped around the prongs on the loom in continuations until the hat is completed. The hats take about 10 to 15 minutes to make.

*Project:* to make mosquito netting out of plastic bags the kind you would use for groceries.

A video in French will explain how to make the product that will be implemented by an orphan at the African Children's Ministry. It uses grocery bags that are often just disposed of, so there is no cost to the person involved. The children can make a profit off of selling these mosquito nets.



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- **April 3-9** Alumni Immersion Trip to Haiti
- **April 19** Founders Day
- **April 30** Cultivating Community Day  
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**May 20 - 22**

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### FALL SEMESTER 2011

**September 6**

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- Mass of the Holy Spirit
- 125th Birthday Party (for students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and friends)
- Luncheon, birthday cake, and entertainment
- Be part of the human "125" photo on the Quad

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**October 6**

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# JCU opens OAC play with win over Capital

## Hartnett knocks down nine of 11 three-point attempts to earn "Player of the Week" honors

**Patrick Fallon**  
Staff Writer

Despite the rivalry that has formed between these two high-energy basketball programs, the John Carroll University Blue Streaks have managed to hold all the cards over Capital University for more than two calendar years.

Saturday night's contest in Bexley, Ohio was much of the same – led by a John Carroll and Ohio Athletic Conference record-breaking nine three-pointers by junior guard Michael Hartnett.

John Carroll overcame a six-point halftime deficit in a 93-87 victory to open conference play.

The last four regular season championships in the Ohio Athletic Conference have been nabbed by either Capital or John Carroll.

With a "three-peat" in mind, the back-to-back regular season champion Blue Streaks knew one of their toughest games of the year would come early in the schedule.

JCU had won four of the last seven matchups against Capital and had not lost to the Crusaders since Dec. 13, 2008.

Coming off of a tough loss to Olivet College last weekend, John Carroll needed a "rebound" win on the road to make an early statement in the conference.

Coach Moran's squad played a very competitive first half, leading by as many as seven points (with

7:10 to play).

However, Capital's Scott Robertson scored 16 first half points, assisting the Crusaders to a 48-42 halftime advantage.

The Blue Streaks shot 50 percent from the floor, but the red-hot home squad drained 61 percent of their first half field goals.

Aside from fouls, the halftime stat sheet seemed encouraging for John Carroll. The Crusaders also connected on 18 of 23 first half free throw attempts after John Carroll committed 16 team fouls.

The first four minutes of the second half were equally sloppy for both teams – eight total fouls were committed before John Carroll finally settled down. Capital would only step to the charity stripe three times in the second period.

All the while, junior guard Michael Hartnett was simply scintillating. After a chaotic start to the second half, Hartnett single-handedly brought the Blue Streaks back into the ball game.

Hitting from almost every spot on the floor, the sharp-shooter canned nine three-pointers. He knocked down six of his nine from downtown in the second half, finishing with 27 points.

"We put in some new plays earlier this week to get Joey [Meyer] and I some more open looks," said Hartnett. "I think just spending some extra time in the gym shooting around really helped me."



Photo courtesy of the JCU Sports Information Department

**Junior Michael Hartnett, left corner, waited for passes from teammates like junior Corey Shontz (15) on Saturday as he hit nine three-pointers.**

Capital did not make it easy for the Blue Streaks though, as the second half saw four lead changes and four ties before John Carroll took the lead for good with just over five minutes left to go in the game.

Junior guard Joey Meyer sealed the Blue Streak win with a couple of successful free throws with less than a minute to play.

"I think it's contagious when we shoot well," said Meyer. "It's a huge momentum swing when one of us hits a couple threes in a row and

then we can get into our press and start causing turnovers. Thankfully we hit some shots tonight."

Meyer also finished three of six from the three-point line on his way to a quiet 19 points.

Senior Kyle Hubbard contributed 13 points off the bench, including a perfect nine of nine from the free throw line.

The Crusaders had three players in double figures, led by senior guard D.J. Frazier who scored 25 points.

Michael Sommer hit five three-balls and finished with 19 points, while Scott Robertson, Capital's best finisher so far this year, netted 18 points - but only two came in the second half.

John Carroll improved to 5-1 and 1-0 in the conference with the win.

The Blue Streaks were predicted to win the conference again this year, and they certainly got off on the right foot with this win on the road.

"We haven't won here in a long time," said assistant coach Frank O'Brien of the nightmares the team has suffered in Bexley.

"Coach Moran made a few defensive adjustments at the break and they worked well. It was definitely a team effort."

Before Saturday, JCU had not won at Capital since Jan. 4, 2006.

The Blue Streaks and Crusaders will battle it out again on Jan. 21 in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Next up for John Carroll are the Ohio Northern University Polar Bears at home on Saturday afternoon.

*Editor's Note: After the paper went to print, JCU hosted the University of Mount Union. Last year, the Blue Streaks, who were ranked second in the nation, were upset 67-62 by the Purple Raiders and held to 32 percent shooting from the field. To see they were able to avenge the loss, log onto [jcusports.com](http://jcusports.com).*

## Women's hoops off to good start before dropping conference opener

**Jim Burry**  
Staff Writer

The John Carroll University women's basketball team had a tiring road swing last week that took them to stops in Meadville, Pa. and Columbus, Ohio.

The Blue Streaks entered the trip with a 3-1 record as they looked to improve the mark with wins against Allegheny College and Capital University.

Alas, a victory would only come against the non-conference foe and leave the Blue Streaks 0-1 to start Ohio Athletic Conference competition.

Senior Lee Jennings paced the Blue Streaks on Dec. 1 against Allegheny with 23 points and eight rebounds.

The play of Jennings was contagious among a young, talented squad that boasts 12 freshmen. In all, five players were able to notch double-digit points en route to an 88-82 victory to push the Blue Streaks record to a sizzling 4-1 in the early portion of their non-conference schedule.

The beginning of the Allegheny game was marked by six ties and three lead changes before freshman Allison Lustig nailed a three pointer at the 9:19 mark of the first half to spark a 24-15 run for the Blue Streaks.

They would enter the half leading by the score of 42-33. The Blue Streaks built a 50-33 lead at

the beginning of the second half that proved to be a very important cushion as Allegheny crawled back into the contest to pull within four points in the last minute.

A final bucket from freshman Missy Spahar with 35 seconds left in the game sealed the victory for the Blue Streaks.

Spahar finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds for her second double-double in as many games.

With little time to celebrate the victory, the team then traveled to Columbus on Saturday to square off against conference foe Capital University, a team they have had minimal success against this decade.

After the Blue Streaks were able to create a 15-12 lead, Capital charged back on a 14-3 run capped by a Rebekah Will jump shot with 6:51 left in the first half to put the Crusaders up by a score of 29-18.

The Blue Streaks were able to mount a bit of an offensive spurt to close out the half and pull to within seven points at 39-32 heading into the intermission.

John Carroll lacked consistency in the second half.

Untimely turnovers, poor shooting and passive rebounding contributed to the demise.

The Blue Streaks shot just 32 percent from the field in the second half as they dropped their first conference game by a score of 75-60.

"We didn't play well enough. We had 18 turnovers and we gave up too many offensive rebounds,"

### BLUE STREAK NEWCOMERS



Allison Lustig  
freshman

She has been one of the first off the bench for JCU and produced with 5.4 points per game.



Emilee Ritchie  
junior

The Ashland transfer has started all six games and is averaging 17.3 points per game.



Missy Spahar  
freshman

Third on the team in scoring and second in rebounding, Spahar is a constant double-double threat.

said coach Kristie Maravalli. "Any opportunity we had to make those couple stops, we could never make that run to close the gap."

For the third time this year, junior transfer Emilee Ritchie led the squad in scoring. She dropped 16 points and knocked down four of her 10 three-point attempts.

"I think we came out strong and played hard, but we have a lot to learn," Ritchie said. "Capital is a good test. They are respected in the conference. I feel like we need to come together defensively and take care of the boards better if we want to become a better team."

So far this season, JCU has been

outrebounded by their opponent by an average of five rebounds per game. They finished ninth in rebounding margin a season ago, and that team had Caitlin Sureck, who was known as one of the better rebounders in the conference.

That's something they'll need to correct as they go forward, especially in a conference that has as many good teams as the Ohio Athletic Conference.

They'll have a chance to start correcting their mistakes on Saturday when they host the Ohio Northern University Polar Bears at 2 p.m. in the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center.

Last year, the Polar Bears won both meetings between the two schools – both by a 15-point margin.

*Editor's Note: John Carroll went on the road last night to take on the University of Mount Union Purple Raiders, the preseason pick by Ohio Athletic Conference coaches to win the league title. Mount Union is currently ranked seventh nationally by D3Hoops.com and ninth by ESPN/USA Today. To see if the Blue Streaks were able to pull off the upset in Alliance, Ohio, log onto [jcusports.com](http://jcusports.com) for details and statistics.*



# Wrestling team preparing for Florida training trip

Claire Olderman  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, 17 members of the John Carroll University wrestling team attended the 45th annual Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Invitational and came away with better results than a year ago – a sign that the young Blue Streak team is maturing and making strides toward becoming the team they aspire to be.

Competing against eight other colleges, including two rivals in Baldwin-Wallace College and Case Western Reserve University, John Carroll placed fifth out of nine teams. Last year, the team took sixth of 10 teams.

“We placed fifth, which was better than last year,” said junior Vinny Pizzuli. “Overall, I think we did pretty well.”

The tournament started at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and kicked off with JCU’s 125-pound sophomore John Cobos and ended close to 6 p.m. when senior heavyweight Tim Lambert wrapped things up. Undoubtedly a long day, it was well

worth it for a team trying to find itself early in the season.

“RIT was a good day for us,” junior captain Bryan Steinmetz said. “It was our first tournament with Division III teams so a lot of our newer guys got their first wins of the season.”

Some Blue Streaks were yet to get in the win column in 2010 after the season started with matches against Division I Cleveland State University and participation in the Catholic Invitational Tournament – an event that had some Division II teams in the field.

JCU’s only Division III opponent all year had been Case Western last week, a match which the Blue Streaks easily won 32-13.

Senior Kevin Nycz, who wrestled at 133 pounds, echoed Steinmetz’s feelings toward the rewards of the weekend.

“It’s a good way to get the freshman wrestlers to get winning matches in and start to build confidence,” he said.

JCU racked up 84 points, only 10 points shy of Baldwin-Wallace. SUNY Cortland took home the top



Junior Vinny Pizzuli, above, and the rest of his Blue Streak teammates won't wrestle again until they travel to Florida at the end of the month.

spot with 148.5 points.

The Invitational was the last match of the semester for the boys, which leaves them looking forward to their annual trip to Florida during Christmas break.

“We take about 22 or 23 guys, based on who earns the trip through offseason workouts, our team fundraising, attitude and work ethic,” said Steinmetz.

Those who qualify for the trip

hop on a bus to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. for a two-day competitive tournament, the Florida Citrus Invitational, which begins on Dec. 29. Afterwards, the team heads to Key West to train.

“We perform two-a-day workouts between wrestling, lifting and running. Then we spend the rest of the day on the beach, or playing cornhole as a team,” said Steinmetz.

The Florida trip is something that the team looks forward to all year – and then spends quite some time afterwards reminiscing about.

It’s certainly a time for the team to come together, but a trip that is taken seriously within the program. It’s a time-honored tradition for Blue Streak wrestlers, and team leaders show the younger guys “the Blue Streak way.”

“We have veteran guys like Tim Lambert, who have stepped up to take leadership over the upperweights, and Kevin Nycz in the lower weight classes. Then juniors Sean Gill, Vinny Pizzuli, Connor Suba and I fill the leadership positions throughout the rest of the lineup,” said Steinmetz.

The hard workouts and struggle to cut weight to maintain their eligibility help form a bond within the team, and the Florida trip goes a long way in bringing the team closer together.

“The team is like one big family and they’re great to be around. Everyone gets along and it’s always fun. We learn a lot about our team,” said Pizzuli.

# Swimming and Diving wraps up competition for semester

Zach Mentz  
Staff Writer

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams are each known for having a rich tradition of winning at John Carroll University, but both teams have gotten off to rough starts in the 2010-2011 campaign.

The men’s team currently heads into their mid-season break with an overall record of 3-5 (1-1 OAC) while the women’s team has an overall record of 2-7 (1-1 OAC).

While each team has had their struggles thus far in the season, perhaps the highlight of each team’s season came at the annual Carroll Classic held in the Johnson Natatorium on campus.

The men’s team finished in first place out of four teams, while the women’s team claimed second out of five teams.

Each team now heads into a mid-season break that is nearly two months long, as the two teams last had a meet on Nov. 30 and won’t have another until Jan. 21.

A break that long between competition is never easy for any team, but the Blue Streaks swimming and diving teams will stay focused.

“We just stay in shape for now and we have a training trip during Christmas break in Florida,” senior Nick Grady said. “We’ll compete against a team during [Christmas break in Florida] and be able to focus on what we need to do in the water to finish the season strong.”

Grady also isn’t oblivious to the rough patch that both teams seem to have hit as of late, but he’s

confident that they can turn their seasons around.

“We have had our ups and downs this season but we are moving forward with a winning mindset and making sure that we don’t slip up again,” Grady said. “We have the opportunity to get some more fast times in before the conference meet.”

Each team has five more meets, including one home meet against Hiram College, before the Ohio Athletic Conference swimming and diving championships begin on

Feb. 17. That’s the date the team has circled on their calendar.

Each team will be given plenty of time to regroup and make a run at a conference championship this winter.






Grady knows winning a conference title won’t be easy, but feels each team will be ready for the challenge when the opportunity arrives.

“Taking the championship will be a big challenge, but come February, we will be at our best and ready to go.”

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STREAKS OF THE WEEK

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 <div><b>Basketball</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Michael Hartnett junior</div> <p>The sniper connected on nine of his 11 three-point attempts in the Blue Streaks 93-87 road win over Capital University. The nine three-pointers in a game set a new school and conference record.</p>	 <div><b>Swimming and Diving</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Julia Adams sophomore</div> <p>Posted a pair of top-four finishes at a meet hosted by Cleveland State in which John Carroll was the only non-scholarship school. She placed fourth in both the 400 IM and the 100 Backstroke.</p>	 <div><b>Wrestling</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Bryan Steinmetz junior</div> <p>The Ohio Athletic Conference “Wrestler of the Week” for the week of Nov. 29, Steinmetz placed third at 184 pounds at the Rochester Institute of Technology Invitational last weekend.</p>	 <div><b>Swimming and Diving</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Alex Vereshchagin junior</div> <p>He had a pair of top-six individual finishes at the 2010 City Colleges Meet. He placed fourth in the 100 Freestyle and was fifth in the 50 Freestyle in a field that consisted of three scholarship teams.</p>	 <div><b>Basketball</b> ⚡⚡⚡ Missy Spahar freshman</div> <p>The freshman continues to impress and has posted three consecutive double-doubles. Most recently, she scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in John Carroll’s loss to Capital.</p>
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LAST ISSUE'S NAME  
THAT TOON WINNER



Louis Galiano

Last issue's  
Toon:  
"Fireworks"  
by Katy Perry

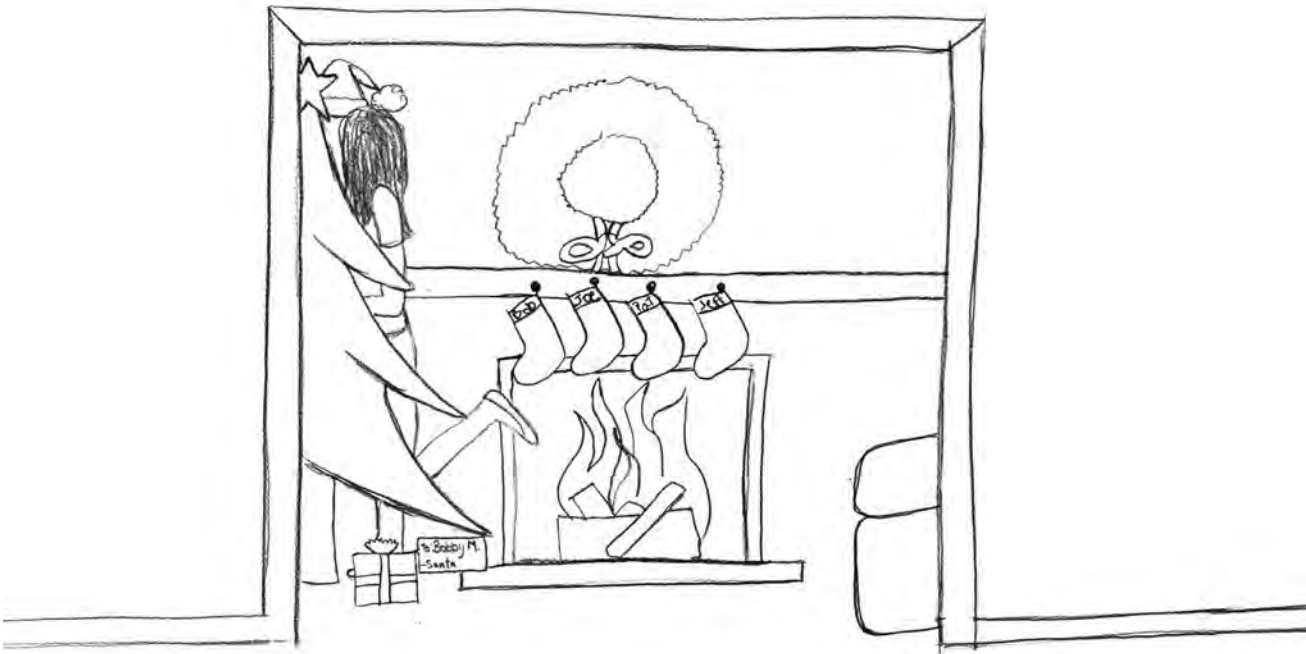
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to have a peep"

Song artist/title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_





To faculty, staff and students

Here are some safety measures to help you brave the upcoming winter season:

1. Invest in rubber bottom footwear - the best for the winter season (leather-soled shoes are the worst).
2. Be aware of ice! It is almost impossible to have all walkways and roads melted due to timing, material, and traffic, so be cautious!
3. Be particularly careful on hills and stairs! These inclines can be especially slippery.
4. Watch your step in the Dolan Science Center Atrium! The inside and outside surfaces are slippery when wet.
5. Look out for caution signs and closed off areas!
6. Watch out for the snowplow crews! They cannot see everybody when they are working the equipment (take a break from texting and observe your surroundings).

Be aware. Be cautious. Be safe!

P.S. This is Cleveland. We WILL get snow and ice so don't be surprised, be prepared!

Thank you!  
-JCU Facility and Safety Committee

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## **The 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award**

Nominations are now being accepted and should be submitted to:

**Distinguished Faculty Award Committee,  
Office of the Academic Vice President**

**by 4:00 p.m., February 1, 2011**

Questions about the award or the nominating process should be directed to:

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216-397-4634 or [pharris@jcu.edu](mailto:pharris@jcu.edu)

*Happy Holidays from  
The Carroll News*



## Editorial

### JCU Dining revises 'Underground' policy

Recently, JCU Dining decided to revise its policy on use of The Underground for student dining. The Underground is a lounge area next to the Schott Dining Hall with new furniture, television sets and game tables.

Currently, many students take advantage of the easy flow between these spaces to help themselves to food they haven't paid for. They do this by taking other peoples' dirty plates into the dining hall and claiming that they are getting seconds when in reality they never paid for a meal in the first place.

To address this problem, starting next semester JCU Dining will require students to use take-out boxes in order to eat their meals in The Underground. Students can fill the boxes with as much as they can fit, but will no longer be allowed back into the Dining Hall for more food once they have left.

This new policy is a bad decision by the Schott Dining Hall. As it stands, the dining hall is already pressed for space, and The Underground has been a great place for overflow students.

JCU Dining should continue to allow students to eat there just as they would with their current meal swipes, with free entry into and out of the cafeteria. To prevent students from stealing food, there are several options that would preserve the students' right to use The Underground for dining.

One solution pitched by a student was using a stamp to indicate who has purchased a meal. This would allow the dining hall staff to see who has already been in the cafeteria and should be re-admitted.

Another option JCU Dining has is installing a turnstile on the exit. This would force students to enter on the left side and pass the dining staff responsible for checking students in.

An addendum to this option is implementing a collateral program. The students who wish to eat in The Underground will leave their student IDs at the desk until they are finished with their meals, at which point they would get it back. This program is already being used by CSS to hold students accountable for the vans they take out and has proven successful.

If the University wants The Underground to have a more welcoming environment, they cannot strip it of one of its primary purposes. As it stands, many students who do not want to deal with the mayhem of the Dining Hall during rush hours go to The Underground for a different atmosphere.

The University has made many positive changes to The Underground, and the results of them are already being seen. But if JCU Dining makes it impractical for students to use it for dining, they will be less likely to go to it for other purposes, and the recent additions will be made pointless.

## Editorial

### Loop Shuttle to eliminate service to RTA

The John Carroll University Loop Shuttle will discontinue its service to the Rapid Transit Authority stop on Belvoir Boulevard next semester.

Removing the stop will make the Loop Shuttle more efficient. The stop is used infrequently, and removing it will allow the shuttles to maintain a reliable schedule.

The residence life office and Residence Life Advisory Board should, however, offer shuttle stops to the RTA on the weekends immediately following exam weeks and immediately prior to the beginning of new semesters. This will accommodate students who use the RTA to travel home for breaks.

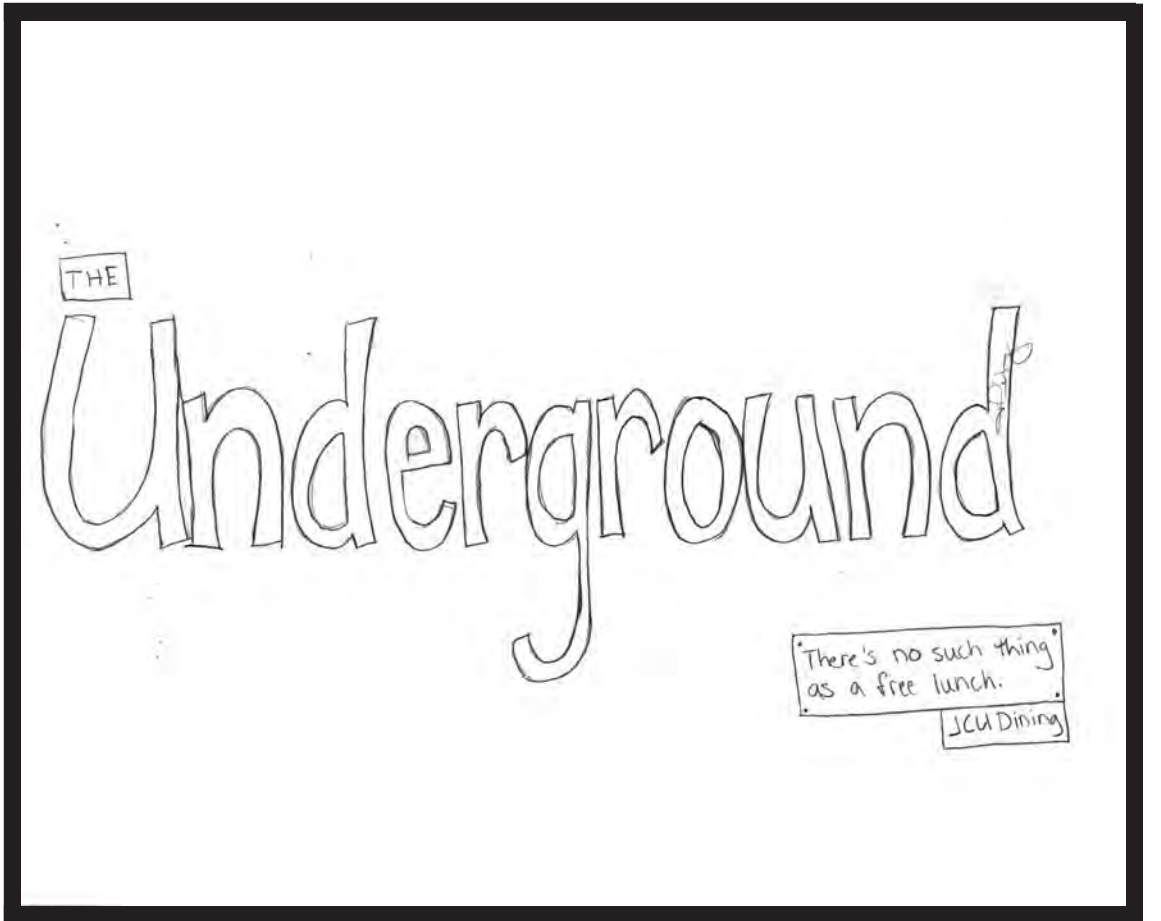
The Loop Shuttle schedule should be revised on these weekends to include the RTA stop on the shuttle route. Students must be notified of the schedule change in advance so that they are aware of the possibility for longer waits and shuttle rides.

Another option is to schedule special trips to and from the RTA on these weekends. The Loop Shuttle could be offered at least two times on each of the weekend days when the shuttles halt services on their traditional route to provide rides to the RTA stop.

This would provide students with an opportunity to get to the RTA and would only be a minor interruption to the traditional Loop schedule.

During the week, students can use the CSS shuttle, which takes faculty and students to and from Target and the Green Road Annex, to get to the RTA; students need an option for the weekends when traveling is expected to be high.

JCU is commended for taking action to make the shuttle system more conducive to the needs of students and implementing the changes in time for the start of next semester.



Cartoon by David Hickey

## NOTABLE QUOTABLE



“I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious.”

-Elizabeth Edwards, estranged wife of former Senator John Edwards, in a public statement about her decision to stop her cancer treatment.

\*Elizabeth Edwards passed away on Tuesday after battling cancer for six years.

## HIT & miss

**Hit:** Last week of classes for the semester

**miss:** Finals are next week **Hit/miss:** Oprah picks “Great Expectations” and “A Tale of Two Cities” for her book club

**miss:** Rocket carrying three Russian satellites crashes

**Hit:** Browns beat the Miami Dolphins **miss:** Cavs lose to the Miami Heat **Hit:** Christmas Carroll Eve

**miss:** This is the last issue of The CN this decade

**Hit:** Kelsey Grammer, 55, gets engaged to Kayte Walsh, 29

**Hit/miss:** The Denver Broncos fire head coach and JCU alumnus Josh McDaniels **miss:** Don Meredith, former NFL quarterback and announcer dies at the age of 72

**Hit:** “Walking Dead” finale sets new viewership record for AMC

**miss:** Kathy Griffin attacks Bristol Palin for her weight

**miss:** Leslie Nielson dies at age 84

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## OURVIEW

## Be the true love and give for twelve days



**Jennifer Holton**  
Arts & Life Editor

Of all the Christmas music that fills my ears during the holiday season, there is no song I loathe more than “The 12 days of Christmas.” It’s most likely the recounting and repetitiveness that gets to my patience, but all-in-all I take it to be a useless carol. The term “twelve days of Christmas” represents the twelve days beginning Dec. 25 and ending Jan. 5 and is also known as Christmastide. As we all have heard in the song, some individual known as the “true love” gives gifts of French hens, golden rings, pipers piping, etc. But instead of biting my tongue, trying to hold back a giant “Bah, Humbug!” I’ve turned my vitriol for this melody into something positive. And hopefully those who don’t like this song will find catharsis in my plan: follow the song’s theme and be the gift-giver for any twelve days around Christmas.

The catch is however, each gift shouldn’t have to cost you anything but your time. Most of us have

already purchased holiday gifts for family members and friends. This type of gift isn’t the tangible kind, but the type expressed through action. Below are ideas to follow should you decide to make others feel special for 12 days of Christmas.

1) Shovel the driveway of a grandparent or elderly neighbor. This Cleveland weather is not only a struggle for those who forgot to waterproof their Ugg boots. Helping out senior citizens by shoveling the snow for them is a genuine holiday gesture.

2) Donating old toys and books to a charity. Charitable groups such as the Salvation Army, Goodwill and the Ronald McDonald House accept toy donations for young children. So while some of us are receiving Apple’s latest “toys,” we can offer up our old Thomas the Tank Engine and Polly Pockets to children in need.

3) Visit the Ronald McDonald House. Schedule a date for one of the 12 days to volunteer to prepare a meal for the families staying there. After a long day at the hospital, who wouldn’t appreciate a nice home-cooked meal?

4) Help out in the kitchen. This one’s not only for you, ladies. Whoever is working in the kitchen during the holidays could always use a little help before and after the meal.

5) Be someone else’s Santa’s helper. Help someone else wrap gifts. That’s why Santa has elves.

6) Return and purchase. Take one of the gifts you received, return it, and buy something for someone else.

7) Have a Secret Santa among close friends and/or family. The gifts must have meaning, but you cannot spend any money.

8) Go to the library, rent “It’s a Wonderful Life,” and watch it with someone you care about.

9) Give the gift that continues to give: donate your old coats, hats, gloves and scarves to Coats for Kids.

10) Carroll Caroler: Belt out your favorite holiday tunes at a local retirement home or hospital.

11) Create homemade Christmas cards for soldiers via the Red Cross’s “Holiday Mail for Heroes.” (Cards must be postmarked no later than Dec 10.)

12) Help transport Christmas gifts to families for an organization looking for volunteers.

Hopefully, this wasn’t too much preaching on my part. Nobody has to do this, but to those who do, may it instill warmth in your heart and a smile on your face. Happy Holidays!

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## The Greener Side:

## Just do it



**Nicole Green**  
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Last weekend, I logged into Facebook and discovered I was suddenly Facebook friends with Elmo, Doug Funnie and Hello Kitty.

Many members of the Facebook community changed their profile pictures to images of cartoon characters from Disney movies or old Nickelodeon shows.

The explanation of the trend came from a status update posted by an acquaintance of mine.

According to his status, the goal of the action was to raise social awareness about child abuse.

Apparently, searching for a Google image of a cartoon character and uploading it to a Facebook page was supposed to suppress or alleviate the woes of a major social problem.

The call to action: “Join the fight against child abuse.”

It was a noble endeavor loaded with good intentions, but I had to laugh when I saw a comment posted below said person’s Facebook status. It said, “Way to go, man. I’m proud of you!”

Copying and pasting a blurb isn’t exactly hard work. It is not risky or time-consuming. I’m not convinced that it should be a source of pride.

With a couple of clicks, Facebook users everywhere took action. Or did they?

Not only was there little education about the issue of child abuse, there was also no action that would result in real social change.

Changing my profile picture to Ariel from “The Little Mermaid” is not going to prevent some kid from being physically or mentally abused or neglected.

It’s almost an irrelevant act, except that it might make some people feel better about themselves for a day or two, and it’s fun to reminisce about being a kid.

And, even though cartoons replaced human faces on Facebook for a few days, eventually everyone will return their pictures to normal. No lasting change will have taken place.

Author Malcolm Gladwell, in “Small Change,” an article that appeared in The New Yorker, wrote that social networks make “it easier for activists to express themselves, and harder for that expression to have any impact” because the people involved are unorganized, undisciplined, and have weak ties to the cause.

Real social change might come from joining a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Real change might come from students who are studying to become social workers. Real change might come from fostering children or helping stressed out parents learn to cope.

Real change does not come from status updates and changes of profile pictures.

Whether the issue is child abuse, AIDS, equality or poverty, if you want to make a difference, it is solutions in combination with awareness that matter.

Beneficial social activism requires thoughtfulness, innovation, and effort.

So, if you actually care about something, be a doer.

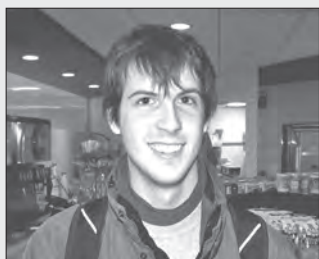
Write letters to local government representatives; donate your money; donate your time; or become informed.

Get off Facebook, and do something.

Make sure that if you are an advocate, you are an advocate who goes out into the world and directly confronts issues. And, then post something about it on Facebook.

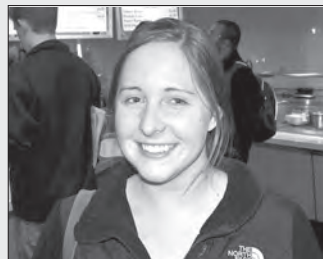
That’s praise-worthy.

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Wonderword  
What does wassail mean?

“The past tense of sailing.”

**Ryan Salata,**  
sophomore



“An animal that lives in Australia.”

**Laurie Hrad,**  
senior



“The new name for Java City.”

**Julia McCormick,**  
sophomore

**Yule:** Christmas or the Christmas season

## That’s what See said: The million dollar question



**Bob Seeholzer**  
Managing Editor

Where do babies come from? How are chicken patties made? What happens if you put diesel fuel in a minivan? What kind of pajamas does the Rev. Robert Niehoff wear to bed? What am I going to do next year?

These are some of the most important questions that face our generation and our University. I wish I could answer them for you, but I can’t. I’m not Jeeves.

I can, however, bring these issues to your attention and hopefully give them enough spotlight to put them at the forefront of a productive discussion among members of this campus so that some sort of conclusive results and answers can be achieved.

I would try to help, but I’m really not that interested in the majority of those questions. The one that concerns me most is the last one, because as much as the other questions keep me up at night, that last one seems to be the one most directly affecting my future.

2011 might as well be 20?? for me.

Next year I won’t have any reasonable excuse to still be in school. I’ll have completed my undergraduate degree and have no

desire to enter graduate school. I’ve already reached the end of my rope with this whole “class” thing, so just making it to the end of next semester will be a small miracle worthy of a potentially lifelong sabbatical from institutionalized education.

It’s safe to say I’m mildly concerned about what I’ll be doing next year. It’s a mystery that even Sherlock Holmes would be wary of trying to solve.

I constantly get asked about what I’m going to do next year and I still don’t have a good answer. Well, unless you consider “I don’t know, probably living in a cardboard box somewhere hoping the Labre crew stops by my neighborhood,” a good answer.

My credentials include a pending B.A. in Communications and

an already-received B.A. in being a B.A. I’m well-versed in calligraphy and have been to more than 10 states. As a kid, I would build elaborate recreations of King Arthur’s sword, Excalibur, out of Legos. Also, I’m friends with the Man in the Golden Shoes, which should never be overlooked.

All that and I still don’t have anything solid lined up for next year.

The only solution I’ve come up with so far is to offer a reward for anyone who is able to figure out my life for me. So, I’ve decided that if you can tell me what I’m going to do next year, I’ll give you a million dollars.\*

Yes, the reward is outrageous and excessive, but in this day and age I need to do something to stand out. I’m competing with TMZ’s Lindsay

Lohan updates, panda bears on YouTube dancing to “Teach Me How to Dougie,” and Sarah Palin’s comments about WikiLeaks. That’s a lot of sensationalism to overcome!

As for the rest of those questions, I was just kidding about not knowing the answers. Babies are brought by the stork, chicken patties come from a box, putting diesel fuel in a minivan will turn it into Optimus Prime, and the Rev. Robert Niehoff wears an Elmo shirt and pleated pants to bed.

\*Money will be transferred via annual payments of \$15,000 continuing until the individual qualifies for social security, at which point it becomes the government’s problem.

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## The Op/Ed Top Ten: Unlucky people

1. Trix rabbit
2. Wile E. Coyote
3. Charlie Brown
4. Toby from "The Office"
5. Eeyore
6. Job from the Bible
7. Cleveland fans
8. Bill Buckner
9. William Henry Harrison
10. Scott Norwood

-Compiled by Brian Bayer and Nicole Green

## Sher it like it is:

Why do you do that to yourself?



**Katie Sheridan**  
Editor in Chief

Every week on my way to the newsroom I pass the workout room. I stare at the people on the elliptical machines and shutter at the sweat dripping down their faces. All I can think is: Why on earth would you do that to yourself every week?

I've taken health classes so I kind of understand why people go to the gym. However, I have only been to the Corbo Room – it is called a room, isn't it? – a handful of times. I like to consider my brisk walks to class exercise and I think sweating is gross, so I like to prevent it whenever possible. I've also decided that on the rare

occasions that I think exercising is a good idea it should be done only early in the morning, so no one will see me.

Today I walked to the newsroom for what will be my last night as Editor in Chief.

Today was also the first time that it occurred to me that those people on the elliptical machines probably looked into the newsroom (or attempted to) on their way to the gym. They most likely saw us staring at the computers and thought: Why on earth do they do that to themselves every week?

They kind of have a valid question. From an outsider's perspective we're always in here, we each write the equivalent of a two-page paper each week, and we still have to go to class.

From an insider's perspective we can see where they're coming from too. We've been pulling all-nighters, we've given up attempting to be healthy, we've put in countless hours conducting interviews, we subject ourselves to the criticism of the student body and faculty, and we

do it all for free.

What they don't see, or rather smell, is the disgusting stench from the day old food that lingers in the newsroom. They can't understand the funny and sometimes offensive photoshopped images of each other that plaster our walls. They don't hear the insults we throw at one another, with mostly good intentions. They shouldn't hear about the trips we take to journalism conferences, where we attend *all* of the informational sessions.

They can't see the satisfaction we get from seeing our hard work in print. They don't see the relationships we've formed. They don't accompany us to interviews where we can proudly talk about our experience working on an award-winning campus newspaper.

So I guess we do it for the same reason those people are on the elliptical. We want to look and feel good, even if we're the only ones who know it.

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## The Bayer Necessities: Just my luck!



**Brian Bayer**  
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

It's 12 degrees outside and you pass someone who is chasing their papers across the snow covered ground. It would be easy to simply pass by and let them chase it alone; but being the good Catholic that you are, you decide to help them collect their papers despite the frost-bitten temperatures. Whether or not you notice this, you have just made a deposit into the First National Bank of Karma. When you make your withdrawal from this bank, hopefully it will come in the form of good luck.

However, it's not always this easy to get good luck points. For your knowledge, I would like to debut The Bayer Necessities' Collegiate Hierarchy of Luck. So when you don't feel like scoring karma points, you can always resort to one of the options listed below to find Lady Luck.

The first type of luck that I would like to examine is good luck. Fortunately, there are a lot of ways to get good luck. Of course, the more obscure a luck charm is, the more value it has in the luck hierarchy.

At the bottom of the list are "time-frame wishes" (the ones that you make at 11:11 and 12:34). The rules for this are simple – the more ones you can fit into a single observation of the clock or numbers you can arrange in numerically ascending order is allegedly good luck. That is why next year, on Nov. 11, 2011 at 11:11 you should take a moment to make your biggest time-

frame wish. Make sure you do this at 11:11 a.m., because using military time, 11:11 p.m. is technically just 23:11, and there is nothing lucky about that.

One step up from this are dandelion and fortune cookie wishes. These are both dependent on your own willingness to look for a dandelion or a cookie and take the appropriate steps to acquire its fortune. For dandelions, you must blow all of the seeds off of the flower for your wish to come true; and for fortune cookies, you must eat the cookie after breaking it to keep your fortune.

The third tier is the epitome of the Hierarchy of Luck. This is where I have ranked rainbows, four-leaf clovers and shooting stars.

Now, finding pennies fall into that unique category of luck that can result in several outcomes – it's a toss-up. If you find one heads up, then it's your lucky day. Take advantage of this luck and do things you normally might not. However, if you find a heads-down penny, you have two choices.

First, you can simply leave it be. As long as you don't touch it, it will not be bad luck. Or, you could take the karma route and flip the penny over so that the next person who finds it will find a heads-up penny. Of course, you wouldn't get the immediate luck, but it is a good deposit into the karma bank.

Since this is the holiday season, I will not enumerate the omens of bad fortune. Those will come next semester, so stay tuned. Until then, may the Christmas spirit give you and your loved ones the best of fortune.

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## CAREER CORNER

What comes after the resume?

**Doug Hayes**  
**Catherine Distelrath**  
Career Assistants

You fine tuned your resume. You submitted it to your prospective employer(s). You wrote an amazing cover letter explaining why you are a great fit for the job. Now, you just got a callback; they want you to come in for an interview.

This is a joyous, yet fearsome time for the average job-seeker. It can be frightening to think about having to answer questions about your personality, strengths, weaknesses and abilities.

Although it may seem daunting, there is no need to be intimidated by the interview process. There are some things every candidate should know in order to be prepared for the actual interview. In order to do this, it is important for job-seekers to educate themselves.

Many college students who are new to the interview process may not be aware of possible illegal questions.

For example, a potential em-

ployer is not allowed to require an applicant to state his or her age, date of birth, or year of graduation from high school or college.

However, if the minimum age requirement for the job is 18, it is legal for the employer to ask a more specific question such as, "Are you over the age of 18?"

Questions about religion may also come up in an interview. In this case, it is illegal for an employer to ask any questions regarding the applicant's religious beliefs, customs or holidays. Although, when you are hired, an employer may lawfully inquire about religious accommodations for you.

If an employer asks you a question of this nature in an interview, being knowledgeable of the fact that it is illegal enables you to avoid feeling uncomfortable in an interview. It is perfectly acceptable for you to decide not to respond to this specific question. Instead, you may decide to respond with a question of your own.

For example, if asked about your religious beliefs, an appropriate re-

sponse would be to inquire whether or not your religious beliefs have a direct bearing on the responsibilities of the job.

Another good thing to know about the interview process is how to dress appropriately. It is important to remember that employers are looking to hire applicants who can dress professionally.

Men should wear a dark colored suit. The suit should be solid or have subtle pinstripes. Polished dress shoes should accompany the suit. Your belt, shoes, socks and pants should all match. When it comes to jewelry a wedding ring and watch are acceptable to wear. Lastly, any facial hair should be neatly groomed.

Appropriate interview attire for women includes a pantsuit or skirt suit with sheer nylons or pantyhose. A white, ivory or pastel blouse should also be worn. When it comes to jewelry and makeup, it is good to keep it modest – less is more.

The JCU Career Center offers mock interviews. To schedule an appointment, call (216) 397-4237.



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single dad in South Euclid. Need child care and dog walking. See ad on JCU employment website or e-mail [luciasdad@gmail.com](mailto:luciasdad@gmail.com) for details. Good money!

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